



Now council has £300,000 to spend on town projects

THE spirit of Christmas comes early to Lyme Regis tonight (Wednesday) when town councillors will sanction further funding for community projects after hearing that they have a staggering £300,000 plus surplus.

They will be told by town clerk John Wright that the council's budget surplus could be as much as £311,000 - and not the £192,000 revealed in October.

The original budget surplus for the financial year 2013-2014 was put down to an excellent summer season and a change in approach to utilising council reserves.

The council has resolved always to keep £500,000 in its coffers for a rainy day but to use sums above this to support community projects in the town.

With that in mind, the council has already agreed to allocate £318,000 to three projects - up to £150,000 for the long-awaited Lyme Regis skatepark in Charmouth Road

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car park, repairs to the railings at St Michael's Parish Church and to carry out necessary works at Monmouth Beach and Ware Cliff, the site of severe land subsidence earlier this year.

Mr Wright will play Santa again tonight when he reveals that the council has enjoyed another windfall since the October meeting, by selling off four day huts and identifying a further sum of £39,649 which was in excess of the council's reserves.

After agreeing to support the three projects above councillors were asked to come up with other ways of supporting community projects if the money became available.

At tonight's meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee, councillors are expected to hand out a few more "Christmas presents".

Top of the list will be Lyme's much admired community learning centre, LymeNet, which is struggling financially. For the financial year 2014-2015 LymeNet is expected to record a deficit of £62,000 and tonight will seek "transitional" support from the council of £24,800 whilst they seek other sources of external funding.

Other projects that have been put forward for support include:

- ◆ A subsidy of £5,400 for the Charmouth Road park and ride with Dorset County Council having recently withdrawn financial support.

- ◆ Works on the Guildhall, including structural and building repairs to reconfigure the meeting area.

- ◆ A pay increase for outside staff.

On the question of increasing the wages of the outside staff, this was raised during the public forum at the last full council meeting by former council dog warden Derek Hallett, who claimed that the outside workers, whilst receiving the minimum hourly rate, were paid below what was considered to be the minimum living standard.

With so much money "sloshing around" he asked councillors whether they thought they had a moral duty to ad-

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Popular wood giveaway raises £136 for food bank

LYME Regis residents donated £136 to the local food bank when they collected wood from the town council.

Dozens of cars queued up at Strawberry Field on Saturday morning to pick up logs distributed by Lyme Regis Town Council.

The council's operations manager Elliott Herbert said the popularity of the giveaway exceeded their expectations.

"We expected our offer of free wood to be popular, but we were surprised at just how many people turned up on the morning.

"Each car went away with two wheelbarrows of wood and all the supplies were gone within half an hour of opening the gates."

There was no charge for the wood, but residents were encouraged to give a donation to the mayor's charity, Lyme Regis Foodbank.

An impressive £136.91 was contributed, as well as a bag of non-perishable food.

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■ PUDDING POWER! Pictured above is the Brenda's Crackers team at the Great Lyme Regis Christmas Pudding Race on Saturday, having been awarded a bottle of bubbly each for best fancy dress. Also pictured is Mayor Sally Holman, Mayoress Jane Whittington and celebrity guest, West Country TV and radio star Judi Spiers, with the original Gus Honeybun. See pages 6, 7 & 8

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RAY Banham, 69, a borough councillor and current Mayor of Weymouth and Portland.
Born and went to school in Dorking, Surrey. Then in 1962 he came to Weymouth on holiday and loved it so much that he stayed here.
He worked for Hanney Brothers fish merchants, the Southern Electricity Board for 28 years and then as a painter and decorator until he retired.

● **WHY do you live in Weymouth?**

Because I am passionate about Weymouth. I have travelled and I am still of the opinion that Weymouth is the best place to live.

● **WHERE do you go for your holidays?**

Tenerife because it is nice and hot. I am a sun person. I like the sun. It is also very clean there and they make you very welcome.

● **WHAT is your favourite time of the year?**

I love summer. I am a people person and it is lovely to see the town busy in summer and at that time of year I meet a lot of very interesting people here on holiday. This is useful because they give me feedback about how they feel about Weymouth and Portland.

● **WHAT is your favourite film?**

"Bridge Over the River Kwai". I like it because it is a true story well acted with a lot of tension. Thoroughly enjoyable viewing. If I can't have Kwai then I would choose Zulu which I think is a great film.

● **WHAT is the scariest thing that has ever happened to you?**

Cycling through the countryside in West Sussex just after midnight with all around me the rustle of animals stirring in Westbourne Forest. I just rode faster and faster because I was only 16 at the time and my imagination was playing all sorts of tricks on me about what was out there!

● **IF you could live your life again what would you be?**

An entertainer. That was simple, it is in my blood. My father was a professional entertainer, so I was brought up with it.



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● **WHICH three people would you invite to your dream dinner party?**

Freddie Mercury because he was a very exciting, intelligent, nice generous person; Norman Wisdom because he was a very funny man and I imagine he would be good company; and Hayley Westenra because she has the purest voice you will ever hear in your life.

● **WHAT would you do if you won the Lottery?**

I would make sure that my five children had a house each of their own and I would go away and have a holiday to think about what I would do with the rest.

● **WHAT do you hope the future holds?**

Happiness, that is very important to me. Happiness not just for myself but for my whole family. If you are happy then everything stems from that.



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Men cut off by tide after finding dead dog

SEARCH FOR MISSING PET ENDS IN MAJOR RESCUE BY LIFEBOAT AND COASTGUARD CREWS



■ **ON DRY LAND:** James Kingham and Tom Williams, who were rescued by lifeboat and coastguard crews after finding their dead dog on the beach, with Andy Williams who called the emergency services

A MAJOR rescue operation was launched when two men became cut off by the tide, having found their dog dead on the beach.

Lyme Regis lifeboat crew, coastguards and the coastguard helicopter from Portland were called to rescue dog owner Tom Williams and his brother-in-law James Kingham on Sunday morning after they had found three-year-old red setter Paddy dead on the beach.

The dog had gone missing the previous day while on a walk with the two men above cliffs at Thorncombe Beacon, east of Lyme Regis. Mr Williams and Mr Kingham had searched for Paddy until darkness fell and resumed their search on Sunday morning when they found him dead.

Mr Williams, 28, from Isleworth, west London, said: "We didn't know where Paddy had gone. He just ran off. He was a lovely dog, and now I think he just chased one rabbit too many and went over the cliff."

"We searched for him on Saturday until it was too dark and then decided to search again the next morning, which is when we found him on the beach."

When Tom and James, 31, became cut off by the tide, Tom's father, Andy Williams, 65, alerted Portland coastguards. Lyme Regis lifeboat crew was launched at 11am but a heavy swell and rocks meant two crew members, Murray Saunders and James Rice, had to swim ashore to assess the situation.

Lifeboat helmsman Brian Street said: "Because of the sea conditions and the rocks, and also because it was not a life threatening situation, we asked for the coastguard helicopter to assist in the recovery of the two men and the dog."

"The helicopter crew also picked up our two crew members from the beach and lowered them to the deck of our lifeboat."

Mr Williams, his father and brother-in-law had been spending a week on holiday in Bridport.

No pay-out until the money's in!

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to address this situation.

Any recommendations councillors make tonight will have to be approved by the full council on December 18th.

But Mr Wright has warned members that the funding of any further projects in 2014-15 will be made on the understanding that their year-end forecasts are accurate.

In a report he said: "The forecast is based on actual income and expenditure at the end of October and an estimate of income and expenditure up

until March 2014.

"Estimates are based on informed judgement: the exact level of surplus will not be known until 2013/2014 accounts are finalised."

"In addition, the year-end surplus could be adversely affected by unforeseen events that require expenditure."

Mr Wright also stressed that it was important the funding for these projects was not released until such time as the year-end accounts were finalised.

◆ **SKATEPARK UPDATE:** A report that goes before tonight's meeting of the Strategy and Policy Committee reveals that the closing date from contractors interested in building the facility was December 6th. From the expressions of interest, tenders will be drawn up and invited.

A meeting took place on Tuesday of this week with West Dorset District Council's head of engineering projects to discuss the skatepark site and infrastructure works.



Wood giveaway funds food bank

■ **FOR THE FOOD BANK:** Lyme Regis Town Council's operations manager Elliott Herbert and the external works team present the Mayor, Councillor Sally Holman, with food and cash donations for Lyme Regis Food Bank

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The Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Sally Holman said: "I am delighted that we will be able to hand over these generous donations to Lyme Regis Foodbank. It is a very worthy cause and deserves local support, especially at Christmas."

"Thank you to the external works team for preparing the wood and I want to commend them on the organisation of Saturday morning."

Audrey Vivian, chairman of Lyme Regis Foodbank, said: "The Lyme Regis Foodbank is an initiative set up by the church and Lyme Forward to help those in our town who are in food poverty. It is run by volunteers. We are delighted with the generosity of local people and the continuing support we are getting. Thank you to everyone."

The wood came from trees on the East Cliff, which were cut down for the Phase IV coastal protection scheme, and given to the town council by contractors Dean and Dyball.

Santa sleigh raises £800 for skatepark

FATHER Christmas was in town this week and raised a record £800 for the Lyme Regis Skatepark Fund.

The annual charity Santa Sleigh, organised by landlord of the Hunters Lodge Inn, Neville Causley, and family, toured Lyme Regis on Sunday and Monday evenings.

The sleigh belted out Christmas tunes and Santa met children and gratefully received donations for this year's chosen charity.

Mr Causley said: "May I express my sincere thanks to the people of Lyme Regis for helping us to raise a record £800 for the skatepark."

"We were blessed this year with the weather being perfect for our tour around the town, and therefore more people came out to see us on our annual journey around Lyme Regis. Our sleigh has once again brought a smile to faces young and old, and raised a great sum of money for another good cause."

"I am very grateful to Lyme Regis Carnival Committee for their continued support, with a donation towards the insurance, etc. They have supported the sleigh every year since we started 12 years ago."

"The sleigh collected £748 on the tour and then we took Santa back to our quiz night at the Huntera Lodge in the evening, and we managed to reach the £800 mark with donations from the quiz teams."

"I would like to personally thank the following people for their help and continued support, without these generous people, we would not be able to take the sleigh out: Dave Ostler for the use of the towing vehicles, Timber Vale Caravan Park for the use of the trailer, the Karizma Majorettes for the loan of their music system and finally, of course, to my family (Santa's little helpers)."

Cheryl Reynolds of the Lyme Regis Skatepark Fundraising Committee said: "May I express the sincere thanks of the committee for the wonderful donation from Neville's Santa sleigh. It is wonderful that a great tradition is carried on in this lovely town we all live in."

"Thank you to all the very generous people that donated and to all Santa's helpers, Sarah, Lucy and Harvey especially. What a wonderful way to start Christmas and end this year."

Rotary Club host annual Lyme Lunge

THE Rotary Club of Lyme Regis will be holding the annual Lyme Lunge on New Year's Day.

All are welcome to join the Lunge and take a New Year's dip in the sea to raise funds for charity. Fancy dress is optional.

The Lunge is now an established and popular event on the Lyme Regis calendar, attracting hundreds of entrants and thousands of spectators, and will this year be raising funds for CLIC Sargent, the children's cancer charity.

The rush to the sea will start promptly at 1pm on

January 1st on Lyme's sandy beach. Marquees will be available for changing and hot soup will be served to contestants following the event.

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Save the Children to celebrate 25th anniversary with auction

THE Lyme Regis branch of Save the Children is about to celebrate its 25th anniversary with a replica of the event that launched the group.

The branch was founded in December 1988 thanks to generous sponsorship of then mayor, Dennis Applebee, and assistance from the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis.

To mark the occasion, the new branch held a gathering at the Marine Theatre, where the principal fundraiser was an auction of goods donated over the previous weeks. The event raised £3,000, which got the branch off to a wonderful start.

The group has done its best to continue this momentum over the past 25 years, holding two Flag Days a year and other fundraising events, meaning the volunteers are able to send £6,000 a year to the Save the Children headquarters - totaling an esti-

mated £10,000 since it was founded.

The branch's celebration of its 25th anniversary will coincide with one of the charity's most desperate appeals for their overstretched efforts to improve conditions for refugees in and around Syria and those affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

To raise funds for these appeals, the branch will be holding a similar auction and raffle at the Woodmead Halls on Friday, February 7th 2014, to be attended by the Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Sally Holman.

Volunteers are currently looking for donations, in particular gifts and auctionable goods for generous bidding. Anyone who wishes to donate should get in touch by calling one of the following numbers: 01297 444575, 442249, 225363, 444973, 560402. Collection can be arranged.

Somers Road plans given go ahead

A CONTROVERSIAL planning application for five houses on land adjacent to Somers Road, Lyme Regis, has been given the go ahead.

Outline planning permission for five houses on the site was received in 2010 but neighbouring residents objected when the latest application, giving full details of the size and design of the proposed houses, was submitted, arguing that they were too big and out of keeping with the area.

Neighbours argued that they were "maximum size houses on a tiny plot of land" and were much bigger than expected when the original outline planning application was submitted.

One resident who lives just below the site said he was concerned about the psychological effects the

development would have on him, as it would affect the light, environment and privacy of his property, leaving him living like "rats in a laboratory or goldfish in a bowl".

Lyme Regis Town Council recommended refusal of the plans on grounds of the size, scale and design of the houses being too large and out of keeping. However, West Dorset District Council gave approval to the plans in November.

District councillors agreed with the recommendation of planning officers, which stated that the development would "not harm the landscape qualities of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or the visual amenities of the locality" and that "residential amenities would not be significantly compromised".

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You've got a sure-fire hit on your hands. And that's exactly what "A Christmas Carol", staged by the ever-impressive Lyme Regis Dramatic Society, delivered at the Marine Theatre last week.

This was the simple interpretation of Charles Dickens' seasonal ghostly tale, presented in a very clever fashion and, whilst not exactly a musical, a galaxy of voices were kept busy with no fewer than 11 Christmas numbers, finishing with a rousing "Deck The Halls With Boughs of

THEATRE REVIEW
by Philip Evans
Lyme Regis Dramatic Society
"A Christmas Carol"
Marine Theatre

Holly".

The transition from the choral to the dramatic was handled with ease and made one of Dickens' more morose subject matters all the more delightful.

There's never been any shortage of expertise or experience in Lyme Regis Dramatic Society, much in evidence in this production, but it was good to see so many young performers involved.

So a hearty Christmas cheer for Sebastian Robson-Ellis, whose touching portrayal of the feeble Tiny Tim called for a "Silent Night" solo and drew warm applause from an appreciative audience.

He was in good com-

pany with other confident contributions from a clutch of young performers, including: Mike Spellar (Young Scrooge), Philomena Brogan-Harrison (Scrooge's sister), Eleanor Robson-Ellis, Benedict Brogan-Harrison and Mary Marguerite Brogan-Harrison, some of whom played more than one role.

They would have learned a great deal from this production, for on stage with them was the cream of Lyme's dramatic talent down the years.

The role of that old skinflint Scrooge was wonderfully portrayed by society stalwart Fred Humphrey who at the curtain call

looked totally exhausted, such was the effort and emotion he put into the role.

His long-suffering accounts clerk Bob Cratchit was handled with great deference by Steve Knight, who injected just the right degree of humbleness into his portrayal.

Full of bonhomie

Also impressive was Jerry Smith as Scrooge's nephew, full of bonhomie and determined not to allow his uncle's parsimony to ruin the Christmas spirit.

Anne King was her superb self as The Ghost of Christmas Past and was

even more impressive in a later scene as the laundress with the delightful Sylvia Lee (charwoman) flogging off Scrooge's possessions. Sylvia still has that unique knack of extracting the very most in audience reaction from just one look.

And how pleasant it was to see the multi-talented Nicky Sweetland in a more sedate role from the usual blockbusters she has performed in the big musical shows staged by the local operatic societies in recent years.

A talented actress in her own right, her lovely voice contributed greatly to the musical success of this

production.

Chris Knight (Marley's Ghost and Ghost of Christmas Present) and Simon West (Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come) brought some appropriate spookiness to the proceedings, and Richard Stirk demonstrated his versatility by playing three roles, including the archetypal Dickens' character Mr Fezziwig.

Excellent support with some impressive cameo roles came from Pam Ladd, Karen Hull, Linda Crawford, Hazel Cawte, Heather Britchford, Nicole Parkinson-Ward, Nicky Hinton, Angela Taylor,

Pete Ward and Abby Smith.

With near full-houses and glowing reports from the audiences, director Cherine Hill, assisted by Richard Stirk, can feel well satisfied that their interpretation of "A Christmas Carol" added greatly to the start of Lyme's festive celebrations.

Back stage helpers

Mike Cawte (stage manager); Tony Hill, James White (lighting); Hazel Cawte (wardrobe); Jacqui Ward and company

◆ The Society is anxious to receive any feedback on this production and would encourage people to leave their comments on their website www.lymedrama.org.uk



■ CURTAIN CALL: The full cast of Lyme Regis Dramatic Society's 'A Christmas Carol' take a bow

Photo by PETER WILES

(props); John Griswold (musical arrangements and direction); Ian Thomson (English concertina player); Pam Ladd (publicity); Fred Humphrey and Mike Cawte (programme and publicity design); Cherine Hill and Mike Cawte (set design); members of the cast and crew (set construction); Margaret Farragher (box office); Ken Farragher and members of the society (front of house).

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■ GOING DOWN: Santa's Hawaiian Helpers team leader Jim Thomas, from the Woodroffe School, heads down the slide

Pudding pandemonium in

CHRISTMAS pudding pandemonium returned to Lyme Regis seafront on Saturday for one of the town's biggest and wackiest festive events.

The second annual Great Lyme Regis Christmas Pudding Race was held in aid of Cancer Research UK, raising an estimated total of £4,000.

The race was officially started by West Country television and radio star Judi Spiers and children's favourite, the original Gus Honeybun. Special guests also included Disney's Mickey and Minnie Mouse, and Father Christmas, who arrived on a sleigh drawn by real reindeer before taking place in his beach hut grotto.

The Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Sally Holman, and Mayoress Jane Whittington also attended the event.

With a bigger and better obstacle course, the eight festively-dressed teams had to race along the Cart Road and sandy beach while carrying a Christmas pudding and completing a number of Christmas tasks along the way, including carol singing, decorating a tree and throwing snowballs at snowmen, as well as negotiating an inflatable obstacle and

CHRISTMAS IN LYME REGIS Photos by Rob Coombe

huge slide.

Boylos Christmas Elves came out on top for a second year, retaining the coveted Christmas Pudding Race trophy and winning goody bags, while Brenda's Crackers won best fancy dress for their pudding-theme outfits and each took away a bottle of bubbly.

Other attractions included live music by Lyme's own swing king Ben Kapur and Jayne Saunders, a Zumba warm-up led by

local instructor Nicky Sweetland and a festive food market in the Marine Parade shelters.

The Lyme Regis Branch of Cancer Research UK, organisers of the event, would like to thank all the volunteer marshals, team members and spectators for supporting the event.

Branch chairman Philip Evans, who compered the event, said: "It was a brilliant day and we are very grateful for the plucky teams who took part, our sponsors and all those who volunteered to be stewards and teams managers. It was a real community effort."



■ REIGNING CHAMPS: Boylos Christmas Elves retained their title as Christmas Pudding Race champions and were presented the trophy by Judi Spiers

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Lyme's wackiest Christmas event!



■ **TOUCH OF SUMMER:** The Woodroffe School's Santa's Hawaiian Helpers led by teacher Jim Thomas. Left, West Country TV and radio star Judi Spiers with the original Gus Honeybun



■ **ROCKIN' ROBINS:** The Aroma Cafe in their coffee sack robin costumes. Below, the Guitars on the Pudding team led by Geoff Baker (far right)



■ **SANTA'S REINDEER:** The View From's reindeer-theme Hot Off The Press team meet real-life reindeer from Somerset. Below, the Pudding Club



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■ **FESTIVE FUN:** Clockwise from top left, The Volly Holly Dollies from the Volunteer Inn; a member of Boylos Christmas Elves takes a leap down the slide; the race gets underway; Lily Shorten from the Volly Holly Dollies head first down the slide; Anders Larsson of Hot Off The Press limbos; teams join in the Zumba warm-up. Centre photos, dentist Paul Bester from Brenda's Crackers carol singing and Father Christmas arrives on reindeer-drawn sleigh



competition... competition... competition... competition...

Be a Mascot at YEOVIL TOWN



Would you like to **be a Mascot** at Yeovil Town's Championship match at Huish Park against **Burnley** on **Saturday, January 11th**?

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The winner will be selected from all correct entries by the Editor. The winner will also be given a behind-the-scenes tour of Huish Park on matchday and two tickets for their parents. There will also be 12 consolation prizes of Yeovil Town posters signed by Gary and the first team squad
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Charmouth gets in the Christmas spirit

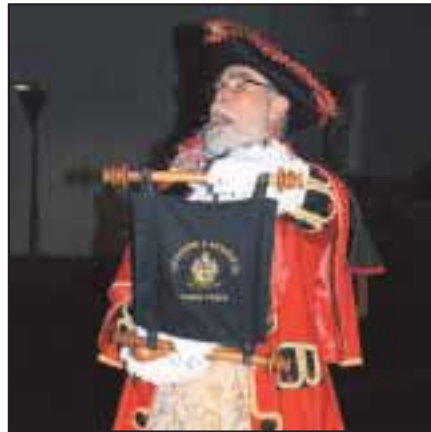


■ **SANTA'S HELPERS:** Staff at Fortnam, Smith & Banwell estate agents dress for the occasion. Below, Charmouth Brownies entertain



CHRISTMAS IN CHARMOUTH *By Francesca Evans*

CHARMOUTH was full of festive cheer on Thursday, as it hosted the annual Christmas Fayre. The event was officially opened by town crier of Beaminster, David Craner, who also led a countdown to the switch-on of the village's Christmas lights. Charmouth Brownies then entertained with carols before Father Christmas arrived in a vintage car and later greeted children in his grotto. Local traders got into the Christmas spirit, dressing in costume for the occasion and keeping their shops open late with a number of special offers and festive refreshments for Christmas shoppers. Stalls were also set up outside businesses and Fortnam, Smith & Banwell held a grand raffle.



■ **COUNTDOWN:** Town crier of Beaminster David Craner



■ **CHRISTMAS TIPPLE:** Staff at Nisa Charmouth Stores served free tatters while, below, Father Christmas met children in his grotto



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Chance for residents to pay respects to Mandela

A BOOK for residents of Lyme Regis to write messages celebrating the life of former South African President, Nelson Mandela, will be made available in Broad Street today (Wednesday), tomorrow, Friday and Saturday.

Lyme Regis resident Carl Salter decided to create a book of messages following the iconic leader's death last week and, after the book is filled, will take it to South Africa House, headquarters of the South African

High Commission, in London.

Mr Salter will set up a stall outside the Three Cups in Broad Street from 10.30am to 1.30pm over the next four days for people to write their messages.

Those who wish to leave a message but are unavailable at these times can visit Mr Salter at his home at Cliff Cottage, Cobb Road (phone 01297 443334).

New addition to the team at Lyme Bay Medical and Dental Practice

DENTIST Kathrin Blome is the latest addition to the team at Lyme Bay Medical and Dental Practice.

Originally from Germany, where she worked as a dentist for 20 years, Kathrin has now lived and worked in the UK for seven years, previously in Lancashire and North Devon before joining the team at the Kent House practice in Silver Street, Lyme Regis.

She lives in Sidmouth and previously had to make a long commute to work, so said she couldn't pass up the job opportunity in Lyme Regis - an area she is particularly fond of.

Kathrin has now been at the practice for three weeks and said she has enjoyed a very warm welcome.

She believes it is particularly important that patients enjoy continuity of care and that the dentist and doctor's surgeries are in the same practice, as the two teams can work together.

Kathrin currently works three days a week but will be full-time in the New Year and is currently welcoming new patients.

To register with Lyme Bay Medical and Dental Practice, call 01297 443399.



■ NEW ADDITION: Dentist Kathrin Blome joins the team at Kent House

Shop space for local artists and craftspeople

THE Little Shop on Silver Street, Lyme Regis, now has space for local artists and craftspeople to display and sell their work.

The Little Shop, which opened at the beginning of summer, is an artisan co-operative, offering a wide variety of locally sourced gifts and artwork. It is one of several independent shops on Silver Street, which owner Samantha Fowler describes as "a great shopping destination this Christmas".

Samantha's own textile art is currently displayed along-

side the work of Alex Heal, Vicky Lovejoy, including bespoke dolls house furniture, Christmas decorations by Jayne Mancini and a second-hand bookseller.

There is currently space for more local artists and craftspeople to display and sell their work in time for Christmas.

The Little Shop is currently open from 10am to 5pm Wednesdays to Sundays. Anyone interested in joining the co-operative can pop in and talk to Samantha.

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- Keep your pets away from things we would consider treats - chocolate and grapes (and also raisins and sultanas) can be poisonous as can onions and garlic. They will be more than happy with their own treats.



Trees and Plants

- Real Christmas trees are mildly toxic to some animals and the oils can be an irritant so artificial trees could be the best choice. Be aware these can still harm your pets if they like to chew, though. Consider buying a smaller tree and raising it off the floor.
- We all think about trees and decorations being spikey for children but they can be a hazard for pets too. Needles may get stuck in claws and throats and decorations may be very tempting to chew and then shatter, causing more hazards.
- Cords and lights may cause a chewing and tangling hazard for pets.
- Always make sure you shut your pets away from trees (artificial and real) and decorations whilst you are out of the house.
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Holidays

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Splashing the cash to benefit us all

BLIMEY! Lyme Regis Town Council seems to be awash with cash and now we learn it has a budget surplus of more than £300,000.

In nearly 50 years of reporting on local councils, I can't remember a time when a local authority was so flush.

Much of it is down to the wonderful summer we had, generating more revenue than expected, the selling off of beach huts and, as reported in this column previously, a bit of blue sky thinking over how to treat cash reserves.

We have got used to councils being cash strapped, especially in

Lyme Matters

by Philip Evans



the last few years of the credit crunch and austerity, but in Lyme councillors are being asked to come up with suitable community projects such as the skatepark for public funding.

As Christmas is coming and I'm in a much better mood than I was when

I last put pen to this column (thank you for asking), we should be generous enough to pat our councillors (and especially town clerk John Wright) on the back.

There are, as to be expected, a few who will question the wisdom of such generosity until we are fully

out of recession. Another argument put to me was that it would be better to reduce the town's precept (that's our share of the council tax) which would mean everyone in the town would benefit and not just those who are connected with the community projects being funded.

At the last council meeting Strategy and Policy chairman Mark Gage made great play of the fact that this current council had pegged their precept for three years running and, whilst we should welcome this, Lyme council is not alone in doing so.

County and district councils have been forced to cut their budgets drastically by the government, leading to certain services being

slashed, especially at county level, and all councils were urged to reduce expenditure.

All town councils in this area, with the exception of Sidmouth, have pegged their precepts.

Our town council is indeed in the fortunate position of being able to support a number of projects rather than have to withdraw funding, but it does put them in an invidious position in choosing which projects to support.

In a town like Lyme where there is a high population of retired people, which is the more important - the young or the old?

After being starved of funding for so long through a lack of facilities, the focus has been very much on support for the young in recent years with the council generously supporting the establishment of The Hub youth club and now the long awaited skatepark.

There is one other section of our community which has received little support in recent years - those who enjoy playing sport.

Lyme must be the only resort on the south coast that has no tennis courts. There are no facilities for women's sport in this town. Even the putting green, where I spent many happy Sunday afternoons as a young lad, is being shut.

The town council did buy the Strawberry Field for leisure and recreation but was disgracefully thwarted by the planners and there are rumours that other uses are lined up for it.

My hope is that the council's good housekeeping may be put to good sporting use in the future.

EVENT(S) OF THE WEEK...

■ AS there was no column last week, I'm going to comment on two events which have really got Christmas off to a brilliantly festive start in Lyme.

First, the switching on of the Christmas lights. Have you ever seen so many people in Broad Street?

At past switch-ons I can remember several occasions when the pavements on both sides of the road have been packed, but never the numbers that crowded into the main street as well.

The lights, of course, are fantastic and a fitting tribute to Barbara Austin MBE, who was the prime mover behind the Christmas Lights Committee and the one per-

son we have to really thank for our festive illuminations being so much admired.

A special illuminated candle has been erected in Barbara's honour and it was great to see her family members - all four sons, Richard, David, Kerry and Adam, their children and grandchildren - present to switch on the lights.

Dozens of kids also took part in the lantern workshop, run by Alan and Lynne Vian, and the wonderfully creative Judith Potheary put together the prize baskets worthy of Barbara's memory.

Barbara's legacy has been taken on by a new committee led by Christine Lovell and she would have been proud of their efforts on the day.

It was also a surprise how many visitors attended the event. After compering the evening, a couple came up to me and said they had come down to Lyme, their favourite place in the world, from Birmingham for the day, as they often did in the summer, just to see the lights.

We also had one miserable chap come up and say that he didn't like the lights - and that was before we switched them on!

◆ THE other event which made my week and put me in a much better mood was the Great Lyme Regis Christmas Pudding Race in aid of Cancer Research UK on Saturday.

It's an event that takes some organising,

I can tell you, and this year we had a number of hiccups along the way. The Christmas puds, which are donated, did not arrive until Thursday, but when they did they weren't Christmas puddings - they were Jamie Oliver's Christmas steamed chocolate puddings.

Lidl of Bridport came to our rescue and we managed to sell all Jamie's puddings to cover the cost.

Thanks to all the teams that took part to help raise so much money and to those who volunteered to be stewards - especially the Rotary Club members who acted as team managers and had to run the course several times!

A hideous cycle which we can break

When the world education league tables were published last week, much fuss was made of the fact the UK has slipped to 26 on the chart. No fuss whatsoever was made of Africa's position; little wonder, as it hovers somewhere around minus infinity.

In Sub-Saharan Africa - which is that area of the continent to the south of the Sahara Desert, i.e. most of it - there are about 80 million children of school age. Of these children, UNESCO estimates that at least 46 million have never stepped inside a classroom.

And of those who are more fortunate to attend school, most of them will be pulled out of it by the time that they are 11 or 12, because of water.

If you live in a country where there is no natural clean water, or if you live in a country where a natural disaster has destroyed the clean water supply, your choice is stark and simple - fetch clean water or don't live at all.

Asha, whose name ironically means "life", is 13 years old and lives in Burkina Faso, near Datria. A keen, naturally-intelligent child, she did well in primary school at rudimentary reading and wanted to become a doctor. But, like four out of every 10 children of the area, mainly the girls, she did not complete primary school because once she was strong enough she was sent to carry clean water.

Like millions of women and children across Africa and Asia, every day Asha walks for three to four hours to fetch clean water in a large plastic petrol container. Sometimes, when the nearest water source dries up, she walks for eight hours to and from the next closest one.

It's hard going; the average temperature of Sub-Saharan Africa is between 20c and 35c, the tracks are dry,

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By Geoff Baker

dusty, peppered with stones, it is easy to slip from exhaustion, graze and cut her knees, and spill her precious load, which means walking all the way back to the safe well again.

The weight of the water she carries in the deep heat for hours every day, day after day, is 20 kilos, which is about the same weight as the average airline permits the likes of us to take as baggage allowance for our holidays.

Imagine carrying your holiday suitcase for four hours in 30c heat. Then imagine having to do it again tomorrow, and the day after that, and every day after that for most of the rest of your life - this is Asha's future.

Asha will never get back to school, she will never learn to read properly, she will never get to become a doctor. Like 90 per cent of the women of Sub-Saharan Africa, she will remain semi-literate or illiterate until the day she dies.

In Africa alone, the total time spent by people walking for clean water each year is 40 billion hours. What level of learning could be achieved each year in 40 bil-

lion hours?

But because they cannot learn, because the need to fetch clean water is greater than the need to read and write, they cannot educate themselves. And because they cannot be educated, they cannot develop agriculture and engineering and all of the rest of the modern means of living without having to walk half a day with the crippling weight of a suitcase on your back.

It is a hideous cycle. But it is a cycle that we can break.

As simply a lack of clean water is a major cause of lack of education and development, we can help in a basic, cheap and ingenious way - with a basic piece of kit called the Water Survival Box.

The Water Survival Box has been developed by the Rotary Club of Chelwood Bridge, Midsomer Norton, to keep alive people who have been left with nothing by natural disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes floods, typhoons and drought. Through their charity World Water Works (<http://worldwaterworks.org>) this basic little box has helped to keep alive thousands of families in Sri Lanka, Chile, Pakistan, Chad, Mali, Kenya, Haiti, the Philippines and many other places of desperate emergency need.

This plastic box is crammed with all that you need to stay alive after you have lost everything - cooking and eating utensils, basic means of shelter and other essential kit - but most importantly a water-purification pump that will make clean water from dirty water and provide a family of four with clean water every day for a year.

Each box costs £150 to kit out and to send to those in need. Each box contains the magic pump which means for many that there is no need to walk to the well.

Devon, Dorset & Somerset Newspapers Limited, the publishers of this newspaper, have committed to a

two-year charity campaign in association with our friends at the World Water Works campaign because we believe just that - water works. It works by keeping alive the thousands of families left destitute by Typhoon Haiyan, it worked by sustaining the victims of the Haiti earthquake and it will work by providing an alternative for many for walk for water.

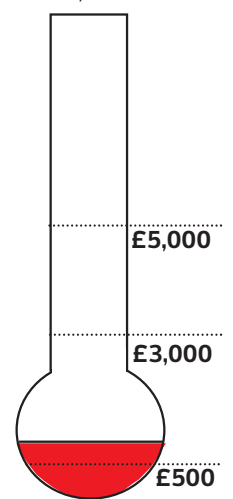
There is much to do, but with your help through fundraising and donations for World Water Works we can do a lot. We can't educate a continent overnight but with a little help for our friends we can make a start to release women and children from water slavery. Please help.

◆ In a bid to raise £10,000 over two years for Water Survival Box, we are encouraging our readers and local organisations in East Devon, South Somerset and West Dorset, where we distribute in excess of 40,000 papers every week, to organise an event for Water Survival Box.

Our staff are also planning a number of fundraising events and so far we have raised £700.

If you would like to organise an event, telephone James Coles on 01297 446155 and we will help promote your event in our columns.

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Chicken Tikka		£6.25
Lamb Tikka		£6.95
Tandoori King Prawn		£10.50
Tandoori Mix Grill		£9.25
Tandoori chicken, chicken tikka, lamb tikka, sheek Kebab		
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Balti Dishes

Balti dishes are prepared freshly, blending tomatoes, onions, green pepper and fresh coriander

Chicken or Prawn	£6.25	Balti Raj	£7.95
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King Prawn	£9.50	Mixed Vegetables	£5.25
Chicken Tikka	£6.95		
Lamb Tikka	£7.50		

Chef's Specialities

Rice not included

Shahi Akbari Chicken	£6.95
Barbecued diced chicken cooked with delicious exotic sweet and sour sauce	
Chicken Rongbaz (N)	£7.50
Chicken, onions, tomatoes and green peppers cooked in tandoori oven first, then cooked in mossolla sauce	
Chana Chicken	£6.95
Chicken and chick peas cooked with onions, tomatoes, green peppers with medium spices	
Achari Chicken	£6.95
Achari Lamb	£7.50
Barbecued chicken or lamb cooked with onions, tomatoes and green peppers with a touch of chilli pickle, garlic and ginger	
Raja Mossolla (N)	£7.95
Chicken tikka and minced meat cooked in yoghurt, fresh cream with almonds, sultanas and coconut, very mild	
Chicken Fallguni	£7.25
Lamb Fallguni	£7.50
Chicken tikka or lamb tikka cooked with a combination of spices which gives a sweet, hot and sour taste with chopped onions, tomatoes, coriander, lentils and yoghurt sauce	
Chicken Poonir	£6.95
Lamb Poonir	£7.50
Chicken tikka or lamb tikka cooked in a medium to hot sauce with onions, green pepper and tomatoes with cheese	

Biryani

Biryani dishes cooked with basmati rice in spices with sultanas, almond and served with a vegetable curry

Chicken (N)	£7.50	King Prawn (N)	£9.50
Lamb (N)	£7.95	Vegetable (N)	£6.95
Chicken Tikka (N)	£8.25	House Special (N)	£9.50
Lamb Tikka (N)	£8.95	Chicken and King Prawn	
Prawn (N)	£7.50	Mixed Biryani (N)	£8.95
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Mixed Special	£7.95
A medium to hot dish cooked with chicken tikka, lamb tikka and prawn with onions, fresh tomatoes, fresh coriander, herbs, sweet chilli sauce and fenugreek	
Raj Special	£8.95
A combination of chicken tikka, lamb tikka and king prawn cooked in a medium sauce with cubes of onion, mixed peppers, yoghurt, fenugreek and fresh coriander	
House Special Curry	£8.95
A combination of chicken and king prawn cooked in a bhuna sauce with a boiled egg	
Mishti Badam (N)	£7.95
Tender breast of grilled chicken in a rich creamy almond based sauce. Full of flavour with roasted peanuts, a touch of honey and mango pulp. Recommended for beginners	

Traditional Curry Dishes

Rice is not included

Basic Curry	Medium hot
Korma (N)	Very very mild with coconut, sultanas, fresh cream and ground almonds
Madras	Fairly hot with lemon juice
Vindaloo	Very hot dish
Dopiaza	Medium hot dish with onion and green peppers
Bhuna	Medium hot with finely chopped onions and tomatoes
Rogan Josh	Medium hot with finely chopped onions and tomatoes with yoghurt sauce
Malaya	Medium to mild - Malaya with pineapple
or Kashmiri	Kashmiri wath banana
Pathia	Hot sweet sour with onions garlic tomatoes lemon juice and fresh coriander
Dansak	Hot sweet and sour with lentils
Locknu (N)	NEW Very mild dish, cooked with coconut, almond, fresh cream and sultanas with mushroom
Pindy	NEW A fairly hot dish with a thick sauce and a boiled egg
Sathkhora	NEW This unique dish is cooked with a thick medium sauce with a very different kind of Indian lemon which gives a very unique kind of flavour
Mr Naga	NEW A hot dish cooked with onions, tomatoes, fresh coriander and fenugreek. With naga chilli pickle, hot but very tasty

The above dishes may be ordered as:

Chicken	£5.20	Lamb Tikka	£6.50
Meat	£5.95	King Prawn	£8.95
Prawn	£5.20	Vegetables	£4.95
Chicken Tikka	£5.95		

All-Time Favourites

Tikka Mossala (N)	Ever popular, mild creamy yoghurt base sauce
Tikka Pasanda (N)	Mild almond based sauce
Tikka Khorri	Chunky peppers and onion finely mixed with ginger and herbs, fresh tomatoes and coriander
Tikka Garlic Chill	A spicy garlic flavoured dish with fresh herbs, coriander and green chilli
Tikka Jalfrezi	A hot spicy dish with ginger, onions, fresh tomatoes and herbs
Tikka Sagwala	Cooked with fresh spinach, garlic and coriander
Tikka Makoni	A mild creamy dish cooked with butter, fresh cream and lots of garlic

The above dishes may be ordered as:

Chicken Tikka	£6.95	King Prawn	£9.95
Lamb Tikka	£7.50	Vegetables	£5.25

Vegetable Side Dishes

Vegetable Curry	£2.40	Dall Samber	£2.40
Vegetable Bhajee	£2.40	Lentils, spinach and vegetables	
Bombay Potatoes	£2.40	Sag Bhajee	£2.40
Aloo Ghobi	£2.40	Aubergine Bhajee	£2.40
Cauliflower and Potato		Mushroom Bhajee	£2.40
Sag Aloo	£2.40	Chana Bhajee	£2.40
Spinich and Potato		Tarka Dall Lentils	£2.40
Cauliflower Bhajee	£2.40	Sag Ponir	£2.40
Bendi Bhajee	£2.40	Aloo Ponir	£2.40

Rice

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Keema Rice	£2.45		

Indian Bread

Plain Naan	£1.75	Chilli Naan	£2.20
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Garlic Naan	£2.10	Chapati	£0.80
Keema Naan	£2.10	Parata	£1.75
Peshwari Naan (N)	£2.10	Stuffed Parata	£2.25
Cheese & Onion Naan	£2.20		

Extras

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Eg. Mossala, Pasanda, Makoni etc	

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Chicken Tikka & Chips	5 pieces	£3.95
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Meal A for One

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Starters

Tandoori Chicken, Lamb Tikka, Chicken Tikka, Sheek Kebab, Nan and Green Salad with Pappadum

Main Course:

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Side Dish:

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Meal B for One

Starters

Onion Bhajee, 1 Pappadum, Mint Sauce, Onion Salad

Main Course:

Any curry from the Traditional Curry Dish. Chicken Tikka/Lamb Tikka

Side Dish:

Bombay Potato, Pilau Rice and Naan Bread

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Set Meal for Two

Starters

2 Pappadums, Mint Sauce, Onion Salad

Main Course:

Any two Traditional Curry Dishes

Side Dish:

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DORCHESTER TOWN CENTRE ONCE AGAIN HAS A TRADITIONAL BUTCHER

STUART Jury opened County Town Butchers in the Hardy Arcade on Saturday and was delighted by the response.

"So many people have said they are pleased to see a traditional butcher back in the town centre. It's very encouraging," he said.

With 35 years' experience in the trade Stuart has worked for a number of local businesses including Case and

Sons in Shaftesbury, Denhay Farms and S. J Norman of Bridport.

He started at the age of 15 in Winterbourne Abbas with a wholesale butchery firm which was in the village at the time.

"I come from a traditional butchery background and hope to offer good service and find the time to have a chat, which is what people often want," said Mr Jury.

His affiliations with Norman's will continue with the Bridport company supplying much of his meat, together with other local companies. His aim is to offer as much local produce as possible and will prepare his own cuts and make his own sausages.

Stuart did look at other premises, including a former town centre butchers, before deciding on the Hardy Arcade

premises.

He and other family members, including his father in law, Ray Whitfield, worked hard, and long hours, to get the building ready after taking over the lease on November 13th.

Ray, also with a butchery background, will be helping with the business when needed.

"I'm hoping the location is a good one; it's under cover and very close to the town centre's main car park making it very convenient to park and shop here," said Stuart.

Opening in time for Christmas he is able to offer a range of traditional meats including boned and rolled turkey breast as well as quality stuffings and pickles.

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▲ Stuart Jury shows off his cutting skills learnt after 35 years in the business.

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POUNDBURY Yoga Studio opened two years ago with classes for beginners and experienced students in a modern, fully-equipped studio with underfloor heating. The studio is in a quiet location with access from the garden.

There are beginner foundation courses to get started and weekend workshop sessions for the more experienced.

Classes are well established with regular students and are normally pre-booked. With the launch of the studio's website this year classes are busy and reservations are essential.

Diane West is a qualified, insured, Iyengar Yoga Teacher certificated at beginner and intermediate levels. Diane started yoga 30 years ago, is dedicated in her practice and

experienced in her teaching. She has travelled to Pune, India to study at the institute of Mr BKS Iyengar.

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Local writer publishes first novel with help of Arts Council scheme

LOCAL writer Sean Geraghty recently had his novel "The Borassic Coast" published with help from the Arts Council scheme "FeedARead".

The book, currently available at Serendip bookshop in Lyme Regis, is a collection of intertwining stories featuring a variety of individuals, set in locations along the World Heritage coastline, including Lyme Regis. It harks back to the tough lifestyle of pre-"discovered" Dorset and provides an antidote to the vision of a rural idyll; it offers challenging themes to the reader at times and its dark humour is not for the faint-hearted.

One reviewer said: "I bought this because the title amused me and because I once lived in rural West Dorset where this collection of stories is set. I was quite unprepared for what happened next... firstly, I was startled by the cinematographic quality of the writing; it was like being at a private view of an enlightened film club's showing of short films noirs - descriptive camera work, a lingering depiction of marginal places in a familiar landscape, everyday characters dislocated from everyday life."

"I also wasn't properly prepared for the depth of horror, walking a fine line with black comedy at times. The final chapter brought the biggest surprise with a cleverly composed apocalypse in which all the characters encountered in the separate stories are simultaneously united and dispersed. But what really elevates this book is the author's unsentimental compassion for this motley crew of odd-bods slopping about in the underbelly of Dorset."

Sean has lived in West Dorset since early 1970s and attended the Woodroffe School before going on to study at Bournemouth University, achieving a BA in scriptwriting. He is well known locally as a musician with his band The Sidekicks.

He said: "The book has initially been published independently through the Arts Council scheme 'FeedARead'. This doesn't mean I've received any grant payment, the scheme is designed to offer cheap rates for independent authors to break into publishing and find new markets. I'd highly recommend it to anyone who has considered publishing their own work."

Sean (pictured right) is now hoping to get support from other independent bookstores along the coast willing to stock his novel. It is also available direct from the publisher and a preview is available of the FeedARead website, where it entered at number five in their top 10 titles in November.

Sean added: "Holding the finished item in my hand was quite an astonishing feeling and reviews have been very encouraging. Having brought one project to completion it feels like the next one should be easier. That's the theory!"

"I'm currently developing a follow-up and hoping it happens within a year. This first project took at least five years to bring together. Like anything else worthwhile, it took a lot of hard work and demanded a tremendous learning curve."

"I hope that readers will enjoy a sideways glance at West Dorset and recognise some of the different dimensions of living on the margins of the tourist trail."



Art society finish successful season with a festive theme

CLUBS NEWS

Lyme Regis Art Society

LYME Regis Art Society enjoyed a festive end to their season of demonstrations, which have varied from oils, acrylics and now, finally, watercolours.

Marilyn Allis, born in Dorset, showed members how this medium can be handled with delicacy and precision to create a clean clear image, using only shades of one or two colours.

Her first image was of Corfe village with the ruined castle in the background.

Working on rough white Saunders Waterford paper with black and white photographs as her reference, she picked out shapes of the same degree of shade. Using French Ultramarine blue, she painted in collections of lights and darks adding more water for paler shades and more paint for the darker areas.

A dry brush dragged across the foreground roofs left the rough bumps in the paper unpainted, giving a sparkle to the tiles whilst thin lines of very dark paint emphasised the edges of buildings and chimneys.

Marilyn always dries the paint with a hairdryer as she goes along to see the finished shades, not just the newly painted ones, as watercolours are always paler when dry.

With ten minutes to spare before tea, members were treated to a lightening sketch of a goose - its dark neck and head just turned enough to show its bright orange beak.

With the Christmas decorations up in the venue of Woodmeads Halls, the group then enjoyed mince pies, cake and goodies with their regular tea, and an extended socialising time before returning to

watch Marilyn's final contribution.

She and her husband travel extensively teaching on cruise ships and her last painting was an evocative scene of gondolas in Venice. In no time at all, she laid out the towers across the lagoon, the sparkling waters, the blue gondolas tied to their poles with scarlet ropes, their shadowy reflections rippling beneath them - all created in soft washes and deft confident strokes.

The society now takes a break until the next meeting on Tuesday, January 7th 2pm, when Rebecca de Mendonca will give a demonstration of painting with pastels entitled "Children on The Beach".

After that, the group continues to meet fortnightly on Tuesdays, 2pm to 4pm in The Woodmeads Halls. For further details, contact Sheila Stratton on 01297 445464.



■ WATERCOLOURIST: Guest speaker Marilyn Allis with her painting of the Venice gondolas



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Free training for 50 local job seekers at LymeNet

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The scheme, named "Get That Job", will complement the other qualification training that LymeNet offers (English, maths and IT) by being geared specifically to gaining knowledge and experience relevant to the workplace.

Peter Jeffs, centre manager at LymeNet, said: "Many employers have found that even well-qualified people who have not been in employment have had no chance to pick up essential workplace skills.

"These might include writing reports, time management skills, using essential office equipment (e.g. current photocopyers), e-mail protocol, presenting yourself well, telephone skills, customer care and many other skills.

"Not only people who have never worked can benefit, but also those who are long-term unemployed, those now having to find very different work, or people returning to work after children or after having to care for someone else."

The requirements of each individual will be assessed by LymeNet's fully qualified careers advisors and a training

News from
LymeNet

plan (approximately eight hours of free training) will be agreed. This is available for anyone over school leaving age looking for work.

Mr Jeffs added: "LymeNet is delighted with the award of this funding which, though quite modest, makes so much sense against the other things that LymeNet provides, and should give real help to 50 people in the Lyme area who are struggling to find work.

"As an organisation with an excellent and recognised track record in giving very personalised training, this fits perfectly."

LymeNet also offers formal qualifications in English, maths and IT, and for many people, especially those out of work, these courses are free. The centre has a range of other beginners' courses and workplace training in IT, or if you would like to gain some work experience may be you could volunteer to run a piece of work for LymeNet.

Anyone interested in developing their skills for work should contact LymeNet on 01297 444570 or at admin@lymenet.co.uk



■ SWEET TOOTH: Graham Hipworth receives his £50 voucher from Rinky Tinks owner Lucinda Cliff after winning the Collosus challenge in summer

Graham beats The Collosus

SWEET tooth Graham Hipworth, from Wincanton, took on the Collosus challenge at Rinky Tinks Ice Cream Parlour in Lyme Regis, scoffing the huge ice cream in the quickest time to win top prize.

Rinky Tinks on Marine Parade ran the mammoth challenge during the summer, asking customers to try and eat the 11-scoop ice cream sundae, mixed

with cream and other sweet treats, before it melted.

Graham was one of many to took on the task and managed to finish the Collosus in the quickest time of 11 minutes and 40 seconds.

He received his prize, a £50 voucher for the ice cream parlour, from Rinky Tinks owner Lucinda Cliff on Saturday.

News in a Nutshell

Pudding Race tree on display at festival

THE memory tree decorated with messages for loved ones at the Great Lyme Regis Christmas Pudding Race on Saturday will be displayed at the Christmas Tree Festival in the Baptist Church.

The memory tree was a popular attraction at the race, held in aid of Cancer Research UK, and organisers wanted it to go on display afterwards for the public to view.

The festival will be open at the Baptist Church from Tuesday, December 17th to Saturday, December 21st, 10.30am to 6pm daily except Friday when it will be open until 8pm and open til 8pm and Saturday when it will close at 2pm.

Carols Round the Tree

THE Rotary Club of Lyme Regis will be holding its annual "Carols Round the Tree" service in Broad Street, on Monday, December 23rd at 7pm.

First started in the late 1950s, this hugely popular event has been run every year since. It attracts hundreds of people who gather around the Christmas tree at The Shambles and sing favourite carols, accompanied by Lyme Regis Town Band.

There will also be roasted chestnuts, mince pies and hot soup, plus a collection for Children's Hospice South West.

Primary school bazaar

CHARMOUTH Primary School will host a Christmas Bazaar on Friday, December 13th from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

The event will include games, gifts and a Santa's grotto with all proceeds going to Charmouth School PTF. All welcome.

GOT A STORY? Contact Francesca on 0297 446154 or email francesca@pemedial.co.uk

New record shop opens in Beaminster

IF PROOF were needed that Beaminster is THE up and coming place to visit for its already interesting and varied range of shops and retailers, then the advent of 'Phil's Place', the new shop in Lynden Way (opposite the Square), is surely confirmation that this is very much the case right now.

Phil's Place offers a quirky mix of pre-owned (ie second hand to you and me) vinyl albums and singles (those under a certain age please go and ask your mum or dad to explain), plus a range of second hand (OK pre-owned then!) books covering music, crafts, art, travel, and children's books.

Visitors to the shop will also find a window full of tantalising and colourful high quality fused-glass giftware and seasonal decorations by glass-artist Gillian Hulse, whose book "Inspirations In Kiln-Formed Glass" is one of publisher A&C Black's best sellers on the subject.

Completing the shop's unique blend of products is a display of Phil's bespoke letter-cutting designs, carved lovingly in varieties of limestone or blue lias stone. Phil's hand-chiselled 'Words In Stone' range is intended as a commission-based service to those looking for something unique and special for their home, garden, wedding gift or special commemoration.

As a new venture for former DJ, teacher and potter Phil Brown, 'Phil's Place' is the realisation of a long-held dream to own and run a record shop, as buying and listening to music of all kinds has been a life-long passion for him since even his pre-teen years.

So, when you roll up to the door, be prepared to find someone not only willing to sell you a record or two, but will also happily engage in informed chat about anyone who's been anyone in rock, pop, jazz, folk, reggae, blues, and, at a pinch, classical music, and all genres in between!

Phil is keen to let you know that he sells AND buys LP's, singles, EP's and possibly even 78's, provided of course that are broadly in line with his own (broad) tastes in music. He is also currently on the look-out for record players or gramophones (preferably in working condition) from the 1940's to the 1980's.

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LymeLetters

Leadership and guidance may have averted council debacle

I AM in complete agreement with Edward Greaves, of Uplyme, who, in a letter to the local press (*View From Lyme Regis*, December 4th), took town council administrative officer Adrienne Mullins to task for her alleged impertinence to senior councillor Daryl Turner.

Mr Greaves quite rightly makes the point that Councillor Turner should not have been obliged to make a public apology to Mrs Mullins after he admonished her for speaking during a debate in the chamber.

Mr Greaves maintains that Mrs Mullins should have known better and not have breached procedure given her experience as a former reporter covering the town council.

Councillor Turner was perfectly justified in snapping back at her for interjecting and speaking before asking

the mayor's permission to do so.

Yes, Mrs Mullins should know better, and possibly does. As a town council employee, she should consider her position and her conduct on this occasion. I agree with Mr Greaves in that Mrs Mullins should, in fact, apologise to Councillor Turner and to the people of Lyme Regis for being so petty and making an issue of the incident which involved the cost of engaging a solicitor.

Perhaps a little more leadership and guidance from Mayor Sally Holman may have averted yet another debacle and the bringing of the town and the council into further disrepute.

John Hounsell,
Lyme Regis

If you don't like it, why do you live here?

I WAS disgusted by Geoff Mann's letter (*View From Lyme Regis*, December 4th) regarding his comments on the editor of this paper.

Philip Evans is a local man who does so much for the town. All you do, Mr Mann, is criticize and run-

down everyone and everything. If you don't like this lovely place, why on earth do you live here?

Get a life, preferably somewhere else!

Dinah O'Donnell,
Coombe Street, Lyme Regis

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Wood giveaway was well organised

I AM sure I will not be alone in being impressed by the way the town council's firewood give-away was so efficiently organised last Saturday morning, by all accounts master-minded by Elliott Herbert, operations manager.

There must have been a significant amount of preparation to create the ready piles of cut logs but it al-

lowed a speedy turn-around for collection and a very obvious fairness to the allocation – and I hope the efforts rendered a worthwhile contribution to the mayor's chosen worthy charity.

David Gale,
Silver Street, Lyme Regis

Church of St Peter & St Paul, Uplyme: Preparations for the celebration of Christmas are well underway. On Sunday, December 15th, the preacher at morning worship will be the Reverend Philip Sourbut, the Diocesan Vocations Officer.

Christmas really seems to be close by the time of the Carols by Candlelight Service, which is on Sunday 22nd at 6pm. The music will be led by the Festival Choir, with Dennis Bye on the trumpet. Full details of all Christmas services will be found on the church website and below.

This coming Saturday is the church's Christmas Fayre, which takes place in the Uplyme Village Hall, from 1pm to 3pm. Once again, the very popular "lunch in a bun" will be on offer, containing turkey and all the trimmings. There will be a variety of stalls and events including cakes, decorations, children's activities, jewellery, hand-crafts and games.

As Advent is a time of looking forward, the

View from the churches

church is looking forward to welcoming its new Priest-in Charge, the Rev-

erend Kate Woolven and her husband at the end of next month.

The service to welcome her will be on Thursday, January 30th.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES & SPECIAL EVENTS

St Michael's Parish Church, Lyme Regis: Sunday, December 15th - Candlelit Carol Service, 4pm; Tuesday, December 24th - Crib Service, 4pm; Midnight Eucharist, 11.30pm; Wednesday, December 25th - Eucharist, 8am and 10am; Midnight Eucharist, 11.30pm; Sunday, December 29th - Team Eucharist, 10am (no 8am service).

Lyme Regis Baptist Church: Tuesday, December 17th to Saturday, December 21st - Christmas Tree Festival, 10.30am to 6pm daily, open til 8pm on Friday and 2pm Saturday; Sunday, December 22nd - Anticipating Christmas, 10.30am; Carols by Candlelight, 6.30pm; Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day Service, 10.30am.

Roman Catholic Church of St Michael & St George, Lyme Regis: Tuesday, December 24th - Midnight Mass,

11am (with carols from 10.30pm); Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day Mass, 11am.

Bethany Chapel, Lyme Regis: Themed services on Sundays of December, 4pm (including carols, tea and biscuits) - 1st "John the Baptist Preparing the Way", 8th "Mary - Nazareth", 15th "Shepherds - Bethlehem", 22nd carols by Candlelight followed by Christmas tea, 29th "Simeon & Anna - Jerusalem".

Church of St Peter & St Paul, Uplyme: Sunday, December 22nd - All Age Worship, 10am; Carols by Candlelight, 6pm; Tuesday, December 24th - All Age nativity, 4pm; Midnight Communion, 11pm; Wednesday, December 25th - All Age Worship, 10am; Sunday, December 29th - All Age Worship & Communion, 10am; Evening Worship, 6pm.

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Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
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Boy George Doors 9.30pm.
£15+bf adv / £17 door

Saturday 14th December
Nag's Head, LYME REGIS
Mojo

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
One Night Stand 9pm

Bridport Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
**Christmas Party with
The Producers** 8pm. £10/£9.

Sunday 15th December
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Nina Garcia 4-6pm

Dorchester Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
Miranda Sykes & Rex Preston
Doors 7.30pm. £12/£10

Wednesday 18th December

Bridport Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
Medieval Christmas 11am
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Saturday 21st December
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
The Cadence 9.30pm

Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
**Earl Jackson: A Rock'n'roll
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Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
**Hi Life Club Night: Voodoo
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Sunday 22nd December
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Howling Duo 4-6pm

Tuesday 24th December
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Vinyl Monkeys 9.30pm

A CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH THE PRODUCERS!

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ton said "Get dressed in something sparkly and come down to our Christmas Party. We're hugely excited because The Producers are a band that you can really dance to. It's going to be a real upbeat, fun, party evening. Everyone is welcome!"

The Producers play at Bridport Arts Centre

on Saturday, December 14th, at 8pm. Tickets cost £10 (adults), £9 (members), and £3 (super), or £12 on door. Students £10.00 door only (proof required). To book call the box office on 01308 424204 or visit www.bridport-arts.com

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THE PRODUCERS
The blues group will be getting in the festive spirit for a Christmas Party at Bridport Arts Centre.

ASPECTS OF JOY

The James Lascelles Quartet in Powerstock

SINCE the launch of their latest album 'Aspects of Joy', the James Lascelles Quartet has been touring across the UK to showcase their works, with memorable concerts at venues such as Foyle's Jazz in the West End of London, and Mama Stone's in Exeter. Artsreach are pleased to be welcoming this exceptional group of musicians to Dorset for one special concert this winter.

With their uplifting mix of world music, folk, jazz and Anglo/Caribbean grooves, the Quartet comprises four highly skilled, open and seasoned professionals. Richard Bailey (Des'ree, Jeff Beck) is on drums and percussion, Kuma Harada (Van Morrison, Billy Ocean) on bass/guitar and Tim Herniman on sax and violin. James Lascelles leads the quartet on keys and percussion. Classically trained as a pianist and percussionist, globally taught and open to all styles, cultures and sounds, Lascelles was given his first lessons in improvisation by the late Sir John Tavener. Since then he has worked alongside Frank Zappa, Joan Armatrading and Steve Harley and Cockney Rebel

amongst others, and has composed, arranged, produced and performed for theatre, TV and film.

Join this outstanding quartet for a musical exploration around the world and back this winter.

The James Lascelles Quartet play at Powerstock Hut on Friday, December 13th from 7.30pm. For more details call 01308 485264 or visit www.artsreach.co.uk



THE JAMES LASCELLES QUARTET
The Quartet perform in Powerstock this Friday.

Dickens Christmas stories

LOCAL Charles Dickens expert Peter Buck is teaming up with Dorset Storyteller Jade Parsonage-Buck, to create a wonderfully Christmassy evening of stories from Dickens.

Performed in the charming setting of the Chapel in the Garden, Bridport, soak in the Christmas spirit and enjoy a complimentary cup of mulled cider during the interval. Part of all ticket sales goes to local charities.

Peter and Jade will be performing Dickens' stories of children, childhood... and Christmas ghosts. They will be telling some of the world famous author's best loved Christmas stories and introduce people to new material from 'The Great Man' presented as they were all originally intended: live.

Joined by local harpist, Jane Saunders, providing the sound of a traditional Christmas, relax and soak up the Christmas spirit (of Christmas Past, Present or Future?) in the wonderful surroundings of the East Street Chapel.

The Dickens storytelling takes place TONIGHT (Wednesday, December 11th) at The Chapel in the Garden, East Street, Bridport from 8pm. Tickets cost £10 on the door.

100 Acts of Minor Dissent



Mark Thomas

MARK Thomas is well versed in the art of creative mayhem and over the years his troublemaking has changed laws, cost companies millions and annoyed those who most deserved to be.

Now he returns to what he does best, mischief! Joyously bad behaviour with a purpose. After his award winning show *Bravo Figaro*, Mark sets himself the task of committing *100 Acts of Minor Dissent* in the space of a year.

Mark catalogues everything from the smallest and silliest gesture to the grandest confrontations and the results are subversive, hilarious, mainly legal and occasionally inspiring.

Mark Thomas performs his new show at the Marine Theatre on Saturday, December 14th at 8pm. Tickets cost £15 (full) or £10 (concessions), and a TheatreFriends discount is available. To book visit www.marinetheatre.org.uk or call the box office on 01297 442138

Christmas Geology Event at Dorset County Museum



DORSET County Museum has a thriving Geology group meeting once a month for a varied programme of lectures and events. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome to the Christmas event, Ignite!, which will take the form of four quick-fire lectures from well-known local geologists accompanied by seasonal food and drink.

Speakers on the night include Richard Edmonds, Sam Scriven, Doreen Smith and Giles Watts; the talks will cover topics from Fantastic Fossils to Shale Gas Extraction.

The talks start at 7pm TONIGHT (Wednesday, December 11), but doors are open from 6.30pm to allow time for mulled wine and mince pies. Everyone is welcome – this is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about the group in a welcoming and informal setting.

The event is free of charge but a donation of £3 is encouraged to cover costs. For further information please see www.dorsetcountymuseum.org or telephone 01305 262735.

Make friends with the Stars at the Electric Palace

THE Electric Palace will be offering 'Electric Friends' the opportunity to meet visit 80's icon Boy George this coming Friday before his DJ set at the Honey Trap Disco. 'Electric Friends' need simply to show their membership card to gain access to the upstairs bar where Boy George will greet members.

As part of the relaunch of their membership scheme, the Electric Palace has created a new bar called the 'Bob Hope Bar', where members will be invited to 'meet the stars' before or after a show. Comedians and bands love Bridport audiences because they receive a better, warmer and wittier reception than anywhere else! Last week Russell Howard was loath to leave the stage he was enjoying himself so much, testing new material on the friendly Bridport crowd.

As a completely independent, unfunded venue, the Electric Palace depend entirely upon audiences' continuing support for the venue's survival. The Electric Palace audience have become famous amongst comedians and bands that visit the venue. Times, however, are very difficult and the Electric Palace do now need support more than ever. Remarkably and almost uniquely, the Electric Palace has managed to survive without funding but will need to increase their 'Friends' membership to survive.

Membership is £30 for a single and £45 for a joint membership. Benefits include a 10% discount on all food at the newly opened Electric Café open on Tues – Sat for breakfast and lunch. Members will also receive invitations to 'meet the stars' and other special events throughout the year.

To become an 'Electric Friend' visit the Bridport Tourist Information Centre or call on 01308 424901 (Mon-Sat, 9-5) and ask to become a Friend of the Electric Palace. You can pay over the phone with a credit card or email friends@electricpalace.org.uk.



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THIS Christmas and New Year is set to be a great one at The Admiral Hood in Mosterton, near Beaminster. Enjoy live music on Christmas Eve from the fantastic Vinyl Monkeys who are playing from 4-6:30pm. Christmas Day itself there is no food, but they will be open for drinks from 12-2pm. The pub will be open all day on Boxing Day, and open as normal the rest of the time with food served from 12-2pm and 6:30 - 8pm.

The Admiral Hood is a great destination for New Years Eve if you are looking for a great evening out with a nice meal and live music in a friendly pub atmosphere. There's no fee to get in like there is in a lot of places on New Years Eve, and the live music comes from Colin Elswood who sings everything from the 60's up to the modern day. Food is available up until 8pm from the normal menu, but booking is essential.

The Christmas menu is proving very popular with a number of dates now fully booked. However, there is still space to enjoy the Christmas Carvery this Fri-



day and Saturday night, the 13th and 14th of December, as well as the following Friday, the 20th.

The pub boasts a great skittle alley, which is ideal for your staff party. Enjoy a game of skittles and a buffet for a great fun and cheap night out!

All types of parties can be catered for, from Birthdays and Anniversaries, to Christenings and Wakes. Walking parties are also very popular where you can

pre order before your walk, then come and enjoy your freshly prepared meal and a drink after you've explored the beauty of the West Dorset and South Somerset countryside!

The Admiral Hood is open every day and evening, and serves their famous carvery all day on Sunday from 12-8pm. For just £7.95 there is a choice of three meats, and you can help yourself to freshly prepared vegetables, roast potatoes, and all the trimmings. If you wish to make it a two or three course meal you can pay a little extra and do so with a choice of starters, and a home made dessert, many of which are temptingly on display in the dessert fridge next to the carvery unit! Bookings are essential if you want to eat in the traditional lunch time hours between 12 and 2pm.

Thursday nights throughout the year (except Boxing Day) are Pie Night! For just £6 you can have a freshly made pie or hotpot, and help yourself to vegetables and potatoes.

There is regular live music throughout the year, and there are already a couple of dates for your diary in 2014. The ever-popular Elvis will be back in the building in March and November, and on Saturday, February 8th the pub will play host to the Flat Land Boogie Band.

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CHIDEOCK: Cantamus Choir at Chideock Martyrs Church from 7pm. Tickets £8 on the door, or in advance by calling 01308 488348. For more details visit www.cantamus-dorset.org
CHIDEOCK: Christmas Whist at the village hall from 7.30pm. £3 admission.
FORDINGTON: The Thursday Group in Dorchester will be holding a Christmas carol and mince pie afternoon at St Georges Church Hall, Fordington. The afternoon will start at 2.15pm. Entrance is £1 and includes tea. Everyone welcome.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH

LYME REGIS: St Michael's School Christmas Fayre 6-8pm at St Michael's School Kingsway. 50p admission, all proceeds towards fundraising for new playground equipment. We look forward to seeing you - we have Father Christmas, trade tables, refreshments and great raffle prizes.
LYME REGIS: Christmas Market at the Courtyard and Upstairs, The Town Mill, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU. Daily 10.30-4.30pm. Free admission.
WEYMOUTH: Weymouth & Portland U3A Christmas Meeting. Open meeting with presentations by some of the Interest Groups. Punch and Christmas Cake will be served. 10am at St Aldhelm's Church Centre, Spa Road.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH
- SUNDAY JANUARY 5TH

LYME REGIS: Town Mill Arts Guild Christmas Fair open 10am - 5pm. Come and choose your affordable gifts at the Town Mill, Lyme Regis, from a wide variety of original paintings, photography, prints, cards, glass, ceramics, sculpture, textiles and more. Late night opening on December 13th until 8pm and drinks and nibbles will be served. Closed Christmas Day!

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH

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LODERS: Cantamus Choir at Loders Parish Church from 7pm. Tickets £8 on the door. For more details visit www.cantamus-dorset.org
BRIDPORT: Christmas Coffee Morning at Bridport Out-door Bowls Club, Priory Lane, from 10am-12.30pm.
WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM: Christmas Dinner with turkey or beef carvery plus all the trimmings, sweets, coffee etc at Whitchurch Canonicorum Village Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Music to Two's Company, sit and listen or join in dancing. Tickets £12.50, children under 10 £8.00. Raffle, donation in aid of Cancer Research UK. Tickets from Sue 01297 489375 or Tina 01297 489523
BRIDPORT: Christmas Gift and Craft Fair at St Mary's Church, South Street from 9.30am-2.30pm, in aid of the Air Ambulance. Father Christmas visiting with free presents for kids from 11am-12.30pm. Free entry. 25+ stalls.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15TH

LITTON CHENEY: Bride Valley Fledglings Pre-School Fundraiser Christmas Bazaar 2-4pm at LATCH, village hall. Chocolate tombola, KIDS Craft and KIDS 'buy-a-gift' room, Face Painting, Raffle Prizes, Christmas Games, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Cakes and Refreshments and a special Thorne's School Glee Club performance, plus much more.

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TUESDAY DECEMBER 17TH

CHIDEOCK: Mince Pies and Christmas Flowers at St Giles Church from 10.30am-12noon. £2 for refreshments.
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Wed & Thu: 13.00, 15.45, 18.30,

20.45

Freebirds ^U

Sat & Sun: 12.35

Phenomina ^{12A}

Fri, Mon, Tue: 12.20,

Wed & Thu: 12.0

The Butler ^{12A}

Fri-Tue: 14.45, 17.00, Wed: 14.45

Carrie ¹⁵

Fri, Mon-Wed: 12.30

Homefront ¹⁵

Fri, Mon, Tue: 12.15, 18.15, 21.05

Sat, Sun: 18.15, 21.05,

Wed: 12.15, 21.15, Thu: 21.15

Muppet Christmas Carol ^U

Sat & Sun: 10.00, 11.30am

Thursday Group's
Carols and Mince
Pie afternoon

THE Thursday Group in Dorchester will be holding a Christmas carol and mince pie afternoon on Thursday, December 12th at St Georges Church Hall, Fordington.

The afternoon will start at 2.15pm. Entrance is £1 and includes tea. Everyone welcome.

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This Week's releases

THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG ^{12A}

The dwarves, along with Bilbo Baggins and Gandalf the Grey, continue their quest to reclaim Erebor, their homeland, from Smaug. Bilbo Baggins is in possession of a mysterious and magical ring.

Second installment in the 'Hobbit' trilogy, stars Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen and Richard Armitage.



The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug

THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE ^{PG}

DEEP in the heart of the English countryside lies the enchanting village of Gladbury. Legend has it every 25 years an angel visits the village candlemaker and touches a single candle. Whoever lights this candle receives a miracle on Christmas Eve. But in 1890, at the dawn of the electric age, this centuries old legend may come to an end.

When a progressive young minister arrives in Gladbury, the villagers discover a new formula for miracles: good deeds and acts of kindness. While David's quest to modernize Gladbury sets him at odds with the old world candlemaker, he finds an unlikely ally in the lovely skeptic, Emily Barstow. Now, the fiery candlemaker must fight to preserve the legacy of the Christmas Candle.

Stars Hans Matheson, Samantha Banks and Lesley Manville.

GLASS EYES

A dysfunctional family have a mysterious neighbor move in which sets off an unexpected chain of events.

Stars Stephanie Bailey-Wright, Sarah Collinge and Elliott Hill.

THE WALK ¹⁵

Five women are murdered over a five year period, and the responsibility to find where their bodies are buried falls upon a young support officer. However, her own past haunts her during the investigation through the disappearance of her failed abduction case years before, of nine-year-old Sarah.

Stars Kelly Downes, James Robinson and Timothy Fielding.

View 2 Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18TH

SEATON: Jurassic Folk Christmas Party, all welcome. Free admission. At the Grove, from 7.45pm. For more details call 01297 20064 or visit www.eastdevonfolk.org

MONKTON WYLD: Festive Local Lunch at Monkton Wyld Court. Informal grounds tour from 12:30pm, lunch served at 1pm. Join us for a delicious home-made festive meal made with fresh seasonal ingredients from our own walled kitchen garden and other local producers. Take a tour around the house and grounds. Only £7! Please book ahead: email info@monktonwyldcourt.org, tel 01297 560 342."

EYPE: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society meeting. 'Wonder Workers and the Art of Illusion' a talk by Mr Bertie Pearce. From 2.30pm at Highlands End Leisure Centre. For more details call 01297 443615.

BRIDPORT: St. Gabriel's Strolling Players present A West Country Christmas at the W.I. Hall in aid of Bridport Hospital League of Friends. It will be a light-hearted evening of music, poetry and prose written over the centuries by authors, familiar and not so familiar, with west country connections, and designed to get everyone into the spirit of Christmas. The show starts at 7pm and lasts approximately two hours. Tickets, at £5.50, are available from 01297 489658. Mulled cider and mince pies will be available in the interval.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 19TH

CHIDEOCK: Christmas Bingo at the village hall from 7.30pm. £5 for book of 6 games.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 20TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Christmas Party. At Hallet's Court from 7.30-10pm. Members to bring Christmas party food and drink.

MONDAY DECEMBER 23RD

LYME REGIS: Christmas Bingo at Woodmead Halls, 8pm.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31ST

KILMINGTON: Western Spirit Linedance New Year's Eve Disco at the village hall, Whitford Road. 7.30pm-12.30am. Pop/Country/Jazz and more. Quizzes and a few other surprises throughout the evening. Tickets on sale now £8 each! Bring and share buffet, BYO drinks. Non Line Dancers welcome. Tea and coffee available. For more details or to book call 07985 234149 or email marina@westernspirit.co.uk

SATURDAY JANUARY 4TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Ceilidhs featuring Somerset band 'Jeroka' with Exeter's Ted Farmer calling at Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street, Bridport DT6 3NW. Soft drinks provided; bring a bottle, bring finger food snacks to share, bring a friend - bring two! - and come shake off the excesses of the festive season! Doors open 7.15 for 7.30 - 11.00pm dance. Tickets £8.50 on the door or £7.50 in advance from Bridport Music Shop, South Street and Jaxsons Delicatessen, West Street, or call organiser Monty on 01308 423442. See www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com

MONDAY JANUARY 6TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club, with guest and club callers, recorded music and occasional live bands. No partner or previous experience required. Admission £2. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442.

MONDAY JANUARY 13TH

BRIDPORT: Biondanza at Othona. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Monthly drop-in class (2nd and 4th Monday each month). Cost £7 (Concessions available - just ask) Free for Biondanza newbies! For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit www.biondanza-bridport.co.uk

TUESDAY JANUARY 14TH

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Camera Club meeting. 'The Jurassic and other Coast Path Guides, photography and recording techniques' - talk by Roland Tarr. At the Sports Pavilion off Hoghill Street from 7.30pm.

FRIDAY JANUARY 17TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting. Competition - New Beginnings. From 7.30pm at Woodmead Halls.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22ND

EYPE: West Dorset Decorative and Fine Arts Society meeting. 'Art and the Russian Revolution' talk by Mr Jethro Lyne at Highlands End Leisure Centre from 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

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VOODOO SPECIAL | Papa Le Gal will bring the party to the Electric Palace's Hi-Life Club Night.

HI-LIFE Club night at the Electric Palace hosts a special Voodoo evening featuring a festive fix of global grooves by Bristol based funk collective Papa Le Gal and a host of Hi-Life Sound System DJs including BBC Radio 3 presenter Lopa Kothari. Christmas party groups are welcome to relax on of the couches in the foyer bar or dance inside the old cinema, enjoying some club beats and live

music until 2am.

Papa Le Gal are a 5-piece band from Bristol, whose style is as eclectic and diverse as their individual musical backgrounds. Since their formation in early 2009 the group has gone from strength to strength, releasing an acclaimed EP, recording a live session for BBC 6 Music and touring the festival circuits.

Swinging between afrobeat,

latin and funk, the Papa crew never fail to get a crowd moving, providing an eccentric festival atmosphere. Papa Le Gal include Greg Walters, Grace Gillan, Olli Dixon, Jacques Verhaeren and Wil Benson.

The Hi-Life Club Night featuring Papa Le Gal takes place on Saturday, December 21st. Doors and bar open 9.30pm, with music till late. Tickets cost £5 on the door.



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Fine Christmas Fayre from the Lyme Bay Chorale

ReView | Lyme Bay Chorale at Lyme Regis Parish Church
Sunday, December 8th.
By Richard Godfrey

ONCE again the Alex Davies and the Lyme Bay Chorale have produced a first class concert, to the obvious delight of a large audience at the Parish Church last Sunday afternoon. There were several invited guest musicians to help make the concert such a success. These included 8 brass players and a timpanist from South West Brass, whose trumpets, trombones and tuba played an exciting role in much of the afternoon's programme. Just occasionally they could not resist demonstrating that they could easily overwhelm the combined forces of choir, audience and full organ with as thrilling a sound as can ever be heard in the church. Other guests were Roisin Linnet (violin) and her teacher Sudhi Salooja. They played most beautifully in Elgar's lovely part song The Snow.

The guest conductor for the concert was Dr Peter Milmer, music director of the Seaton Choral Society. Throughout the concert he held the combined forces of the choir and brass together with his clear beat and always appropriate tempi. In the Rutter Gloria it was a joy to watch him negotiating the constantly changing jazzy syncopated rhythms, at the same time transmitting to the choir the confidence needed for this challenging piece. His presence allowed Alex Davies to accompany the entire concert on the organ and occasionally the piano. This he did marvelously, with especially beautiful effects in the Britten Missa Brevis, where the organ part calls for the utmost virtuosity.

What of the programme itself? It was an eclectic mix, with something for everybody (and of course a strong flavour of Christmas). However there were also two very significant choral works, both based on the Latin Ordinary of the Mass but entirely different in character. These were Benjamin Britten's Missa Brevis (1959) and John Rutter's Gloria (1975). As is the case of many of his works, Britten composed the Missa Brevis for a specific choir and person, namely Westminster Cathedral Boys Choir and their organist George Malcolm. It is unique in the way it explores the haunting effect of boys' voices singing in three part harmony, often with close intervals and an organ accompaniment of extraordinary imagination and colour. The sopranos and altos of the Lyme Bay Chorale coped well with the difficult intervals and wide dynamic range of this music, although of course they were spread rather thinly through being a relatively small in number. Another half dozen would have let the great climax at the end of the Benedictus make an even more thrilling impact.

Rutter's Gloria was composed more or less exactly for the forces available last Sunday, with only the percussion being not quite up to strength. It is one of Rutter's more substantial works, with three distinct sections. The fast outer parts are full of brass fanfares and rhythmic excitement, and here the LBC showed off just what a talented smallish choir can do when backed by great brass players, magnificent organ accompaniment and a first rate conductor.

Lucy Porter at Dorchester Arts Centre



LUCY Porter – familiar from TV and radio (*Never Mind The Buzzcocks*, *Mock The Week* and *The Unbelievable Truth*) – is on tour with her best show yet. Does geography shape our destiny? Born in Croydon, to a Northern Irish dad and a midlander mum (who met in Africa), Lucy never felt that she belonged down South. She tried moving to Manchester, marrying a

Welshman and travelling the world, but she's still – like the littlest hobo – seeking her spiritual home. Lucy performs at Dorchester Arts Centre this Friday (December 13th) at 8pm (doors & bar 7.30pm). Tickets cost £12 / £10 concessions, and are available online at www.dorchester-arts.org.uk or by calling 01305 266926.

NOËL! NOËL!

Christmas with the Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir in Dorchester

ONLY a week to go before the Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir comes to Dorchester for its annual Christmas concert. This is a splendid opportunity for all music lovers to get into the festive spirit. The Choir – one of the area's top chamber choirs – is bringing its popular Christmas soirée *NOËL! NOËL!* to Dorset County Museum on Wednesday, December 18th.

NOËL! NOËL! is a programme of seasonal music and readings, both familiar and new, performed with the excitement and rich tone for which the Choir is noted. It has been enjoyed by capacity audiences in Dorchester in previous years and the event is made even more festive by mulled wine, mince pies and carols. Come to the Museum at 7.30 for a glass of mulled wine and a private viewing of the galleries before the performance starts at 8.00 pm.

Tickets cost £12 (including seasonal refreshments) and are available from the Dorchester Tourist Information Centre (01305 267992); from the Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir's box office (01722 710511); or online at www.bschoir.org.uk.

Stoke Abbott Christmas Exhibition

IT must be nearly Christmas-time; Philomena Harmsworth has returned with her ever popular Seasonal Exhibition at the New Inn in Stoke Abbott. This year she has an exciting new collection of paintings, encompassing creatures and landscapes.

The creatures appear to have been conjured from nature; hiding quiet and still. Wintery animals evoked by the noise of the rain and still crisp air. They are there and they are not; Stags

and does fading away into their natural environment. In contrast to the elusive hidden creatures, there are also bumbling piglets, which are lively and raucous.

The landscapes are both a celebration of nature, and a development of Philomena's narrative forms. She has based a series of paintings around the poem "The Raven" by Coleridge. She has been inspired by the images of the pigs crunching acorns, and the Raven who 'be-

longed, they did say, to the witch Melancholy'. The colours of the poem have infused the paintings – the warm oranges and the silvery grey skies of winter.

The exhibition opens on December 14th and will be taken down New Years Day, at the New Inn, Stoke Abbott.

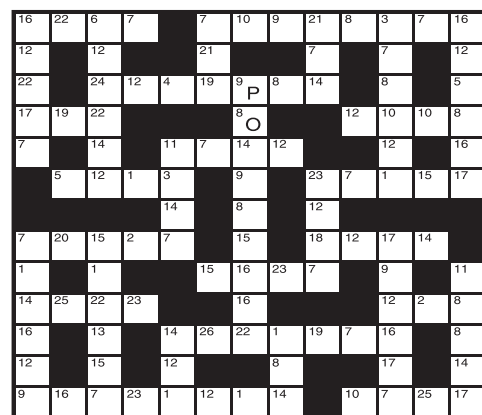
Opening night is December 14th from 5-6pm.

Brain Gym

No.251

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

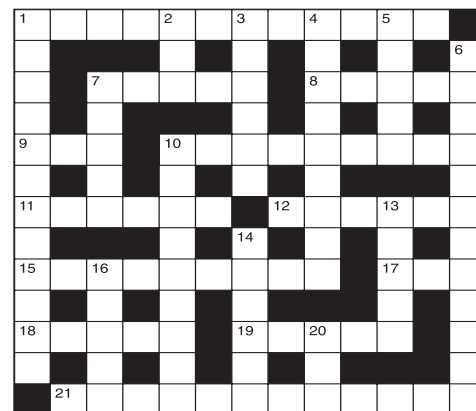
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Across

- Picks out the fellow by the vessel showing shooting ability (12)
- Some of the extra inquiries for transport (5)
- This is used notwithstanding (5)
- Manage a continuous series of performances (3)
- Girl's name needs amending - pretends to be unfit (9)
- Emphasise the account requires money (6)
- The show is missing from an idyllic location (6)
- One friend is after the market in a hostile way (9)
- Drink produces endless sign of grief (3)
- A gently thrustful reminder (5)
- The brute will destroy the root vegetable (5)
- Regard as skilful - not to be dismissed lightly (12)

Down

- What no patient would suffer at the hands of an efficient doctor? (12)
- South Pacific always initially provides place for recuperation (3)
- The records will show fifty in Indian currency (6)
- Support a small railway that's not of prime importance (9)
- I find fault - this will make you angry (5)
- Go over to inspect what counsel has to do (5-7)
- Is this the keynote to health? (5)
- Wrinkles are apparent in the fellow's virility (9)
- Teacher loses his head and makes a bloomer! (5)
- Criticised the way the roof is covered (6)
- Is the broadcaster so active? (5)
- The iron rod is almost completely stripped (3)



Quick Clues:

Across

- Private (12)
- Let (5)
- Watery (5)
- Small child (3)
- Impostor (9)
- Modern (6)
- Current (6)
- Postponed (9)
- Donkey (3)
- Leeway (5)
- Implied (5)
- Reproof (12)

Down

- Revokes (12)
- Sick (3)
- Envelop (6)
- Reduced to a synopsis (9)
- Ward off (5)
- Broadcast (12)
- Caper (5)
- Director of orchestra (9)
- Precise (5)
- Seize (6)
- Sap (5)
- Tin (3)

Sudoku

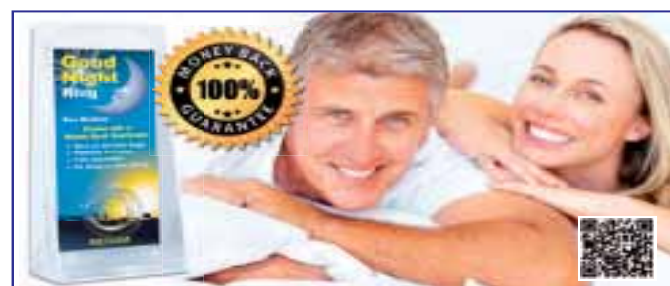
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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Annoyed; 8 Pencil; 9 Stained; 10 Eleven; 11 Breath; 12 Distaste; 18 Rheostat; 20 Duenna; 21 Dimple; 22 Leakage; 23 In case; 24 Tonsure. Down: 1 Spreads; 2 Inverse; 3 Cinema; 5 Nota bene; 6 Opines; 7 Erects; 13 Stranger; 14 Stop-gap; 15 Steered; 16 Tuxedo; 17 Snakes; 19 Orient. QUICK - Across: 4 Account; 8 Airman; 9 Inflate; 10 Astute; 11 Regard; 12 Encircle; 18 Positive; 20 Patent; 21 Bridal; 22 Faction; 23 Relish; 24 Reprress. Down: 1 Palaver; 2 Protect; 3 Matter; 5 Congress; 6 Oblige; 7 Nature; 13 Captious; 14 Disdain; 15 Wealthy; 16 Manage; 17 Better; 19 Israel.



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wardrobe. The family bathroom has fitted vinyl flooring and a white bathroom suite comprising bath, pedestal wash hand basin and WC. A shower cubicle gives an additional bathing facility. Outside, the rear enclosed garden with a side access gate, has a small paved patio off the sliding dining area door with the remaining area laid to lawn and edged with a small herbaceous border. Storage is provided by way of a 'bunker' type storage container. DEPOSIT REQUIRED: Equivalent 1.5 the Rent of Property. FEES: Currently on special offer at £60 per applicant (inclusive of VAT). Visit our web site for full breakdown of other fees which may apply. For further details please contact ChampionHolmes on 01297 598307 enquiries@championholmes.co.uk or visit our web site at www.championholmes.co.uk



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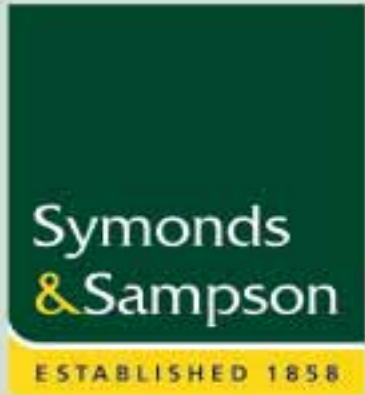
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James Batchelor, Editor of Car Dealer said: "The ŠKODA Yeti has been hot since it was launched with customers lining up to get their hands on one. That desirability has translated to the used car sector too – with dealers reporting that examples of this car don't hang around for long.

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SUZUKI GB has announced details of its new winter sales campaign, which sees customer given even more flexibility and choice when it comes to buying a new Suzuki.

More than 10 models from Suzuki's extensive 2014 line up are included in the campaign, which launches on January 1, and allows customers to choose between having £500 contributed toward their deposit by their Suzuki dealer, £600 worth of Genuine Suzuki accessories to personalise their new bike, or £700 towards the cost of their insurance*.

Models featured in the campaign include a full compliment of GSX-

R600, GSX-R750 and GSX-R1000 models, as well as the Hayabusa. Both the Burgman 400 and Burgman 650 Executive models, the popular V-Strom 650 adventure machine, the multi award-winning GSR750, the SFV650 middleweight, C1500T cruiser and the GSX1250FA tourer are also included.

Suzuki GB National Sales Manager, Jonathan Martin, announced the campaign, commenting, "Throughout 2013, all of us at Suzuki GB have had discussions with our customers at a number of events, and in particular at our Test Ride Roadshow events. It was made clear from customers that they want the flexibility

to choose the best deal for them when making a purchase, and we genuinely feel this new campaign allows for that individual decision to be made.

"It will appeal to the customer who just wants a discount, it will appeal to the customer who wants to access their new Suzuki and it will appeal to the customer who needs the extra support with their insurance premium. What's more, customers can also take advantage of our low rate finance or PCP offers, meaning low monthly payments. It really is a great time to choose a new Suzuki, and of course choose the deal as well."

As part of the offer, you can pick up a brand new GSX1250FA with a free top case and pannier accessory pack, or if you choose an SFV650 and have a motorcycle to trade in worth £1,500, the additional £500 dealer deposit contribution could mean monthly payments for as little as £64 over three years.

The new campaign runs from January 1 to March 31. For more information visit www.suzuki-gb.co.uk or visit your local authorised Suzuki dealer.

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Now that's what I call quality: Toyota takes 15 top 10 places in new TÜV reliability report

TOYOTA proves it's no seasonal one-hit wonder with yet another dominant performance in the annual TÜV reliability report. It heads the internationally respected survey with no fewer than 15 models earning a top 10 ranking, including both current and older vehicles.

It's the fourth year running that Toyota has emerged the leading manufacturer in the independent survey, published this week in conjunction with Auto Bild magazine. The results are particularly strong for Prius, which is the number one vehicle in the categories for both four-to-five and six-to-seven-year-old vehicles, reaffirming the robust and reliable quality of Toyota's full hybrid technology.

In the two-to-three-year-old category iQ takes third place ahead of Avensis in ninth. Among vehicles between four and five years old Auris is rated eighth behind the top-rated Prius, while in the six to seven years category Prius leads a field that includes Verso in sixth, RAV4 in seventh and Yaris in ninth.

Turn the clock further back still and Verso (second), RAV4 (third), Avensis (fifth) and Corolla (eighth) are the pick of the market for cars between eight and nine years old.

RAV4 (second), Corolla (third) and Yaris (fourth) are the standard-bearers for Toyota durability going back 10 to 11 years.

The TÜV annual report, first published 40 years ago, provides an unbiased benchmark survey for consumers about the long term reliability and overall quality of vehicles available on the market today.

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Hundreds of UK dealers are involved, each managing small regions resulting in a very localised service for consumers with the ability to compare deals nationwide.

The website has been designed with efficiency, functionality and ease of use in mind, resulting in an uncluttered and intuitive online experience for customers that benefits from the retail expertise of the LeaseCarsDirect.co.uk team, as well as the trust and authority that comes from the home of car buying, What Car?.

Chris Lowe, Publisher of What Car?, said: "What Car? has always been the first step in researching which car to buy for UK buyers. Today, we aim to put buyers in touch with dealers stocking their car of choice too. As leasing grows in popularity, and value, we wanted to answer the questions potential new car buyers may have about leasing and showcase offers in a clear and comparable way."

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WINNER: Mark Cuff scored the decisive goal in Netherbury's 1-0 win over Uplyme.



OPENER: Jack Durrant put Lyme Regis on the road to a 2-0 win at Combe Reserves and second place in the league.

ROUND-UP

DORSET JUNIOR CUP - Quarter-final
LYME REGIS RESERVES 1 BROADSTONE 2

LYME Regis Reserves' hopes of a repeat of their triumph in this competition two years ago ended with defeat against a youthful Broadstone side at the Davey Fort.

Lyme started well, intent on stamping their authority on opponents whose oldest player was just 23.

Steve Batey slotted a ball through the inside left channel to Pete Peacock in the fourth minute but the free-scoring front man only half hit his effort and visiting gloveman Barry Debenham saved well with his legs.

Soon after Broadstone went close at the other end. Lyme 'keeper Will Meech saved with his feet at the near post - the rebound was nodded goalwards but left-back Rob Larcombe did well to head off the line.

Midway through the half Meech went full length to tip a shot round the post but the best chance of the half came at the other end two minutes before the interval.

A free-kick was curled into the box to the unmarked Dan Thirlwell who nodded over from six yards.

Broadstone thought they had broken the deadlock in the 52nd minute but the 'goal' was ruled out as the ball had gone out of play in the build-up.

So it was Lyme who took the lead. A Ryan Turner throw-in on the hour mark found Ryan Fifer who did well to hook the ball over his shoulder to the on rushing Batey who headed the ball back across Debenham and into the bottom corner.

But the lead was to last just eight minutes with the visitors forcing the ball home after a melee with the Seasiders frantically appealing for a hand ball in the mass of bodies.

But the game was decided in a crucial two minute spell 13 minutes from the end. Turner was clearly tripped in the box and the referee pointed to the spot.

Thirlwell stepped up but dragged his penalty a yard wide of the post. From the restart the visitors burst up the left flank.

Lyme felt there was a clear foul in the build-up but the referee said no and a long diagonal ball was acrobatically poked over Meech and into the net.

There was still time for the Seasiders to have an effort hooked off the line and Batey to head narrowly wide but the visitors deserved their win.

PREMIER

COMBE RESERVES 0 LYME REGIS 2

GOALKEEPER Chris Higgs was almost redundant as Lyme Regis recorded their third clean sheet in a row.

With manager Tim Edwards on best man duty at a wedding, assistant-manager Rob Thom took the reins and felt the Seasiders were in complete control, he said: "That was the easiest 2-0 win I've ever seen. We could have had more but were guilty of over hitting our final passes, particularly going down the slope."

Lyme, who lost Dave Matthews (unavailable) and Joel Gostling (ill) on the morning of the match, took the lead in the 26th minute when debutant Sam Farmer picked out Joe Bond with a fine pass. Bond's initial effort was saved but Man-of-the-Match Jack Durrant banged home the rebound.

A goal mouth scramble 15 minutes from time eventually saw top-scorer Joe Bond pounce on a lose ball before gleefully drilling the ball home from close range for his 12th goal of the season.

As well as Durrant, Thom was impressed by the efforts of defender Kieron White and Farmer, a midweek signing from Honiton Town who looks to be a really useful acquisition.

MILLWEY RISE 4 CREWKERNE TOWN 4

BEFORE the game Millwey Rise, with a number of regulars unavailable, would no doubt have been pleased to hold title challengers Crewkerne Town to a draw.

But having led 4-1 at half-time it could have been all three for the Devonians.

Rise struck early on only for Brad Miles to level for the visitors. From there it was all Millwey as they counter-attacked to great effect to lead 4-1 at the turnaround.

And that is how it stayed until the 76th minute when Jamie Spurdie netted his 20th of the season. Then defender Jason Manley made it 4-3 before stand-in Rise 'keeper Tristan Wakeley fumbled a Adam Swinnerton effort over the line.

Levi Hoole (2), Mark Pike and Man-of-the-Match Carl German netted for Millwey. Crewkerne assistant manager Ben Cox felt it was the team's worst performance of the season.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 7 ILMINSTER RES 0

HAT-TRICKS from Kris Hastings and Dan Smith saw Shepton Beauchamp thrash Iminster Reserves and move back up to fourth spot in the table.

Ben Spendlow scored the opener for Shepton who only led 1-0 at half-time.

W & M CHINNOCK 1 MISTERTON 1

THE match between last season's promoted sides ended honours even at Oxleaze.

After a goal less first-half a George Trott was neatly converted by striker Mark Cawley. They held the lead until the 85th minute when Connor Fletcher bagged a point for Missy.

WINSHAM UTD 1 BEAMINSTER 2

TEM-MAN Beaminster needed an 89th minute goal from defender Dean Hightt to finally overcome a spirited Winsham United at Baker's Field.

Murray Legg put the Rainbows ahead only for Winsham player-manager Tom Stead to equalise with a free-kick that went in via an upright, "It was a Suarez type effort!" said Stead.

Beaminster had Josh Hunter sent-off by referee Paul Spurrell - a decision that manager Matt Hughes felt was 'debatable'.

DIVISION ONE

NETHERBURY 1 UPLYME 0

NETHERBURY took all three points with a vital home win in a close tie with Uplyme. The Ambers took the lead inside the first few minutes.

The ball was worked wide to Lee Quincey who beat his man and sent in a smart left footed cross into the box, where it fell to Mark Cuff who neatly flicked the ball up and then, netted with a backward header into the top corner from four yards out.

Netherbury continued on the front foot for the opening 15 minutes, but Uplyme's Richie Robinson squandered a one-on-one chance to equalise.

Then Uplyme defender Mark Taylor struck the crossbar with a header from a corner.

Netherbury started the second-half slowly, but after some early pressure, they recovered and started to push for a second. Tom Franklin and Cuff both had shots saved and, despite some promising positions, they couldn't get a second goal.

In the final 15 minutes Uplyme heaped on the pressure and tried everything to nick a late equaliser. The Ambers should have had a clear cut penalty late on when Chris Symes was scythed down by Chris Pevey, but referee Chris Vowles waved play on.

"It wasn't the prettiest of games and we looked a bit nervous in the last 15 minutes, but the result and three points are all import for us," said Netherbury manager

Andy Loudon. He picked out Richard Pincombe and Karl Ives as his top performers with teenage midfielder David Lyon taking the Uplyme honours.

BEAMINSTER RES 2 FARWAY UTD 0

AFTER a goal less first 45 strikes from Russell Oldbury and Charlie Bartlett saw Beaminster Reserves finally bring an end to a miserable 13-game winless run.

But the win was tinged with sadness as James Dudgeon was forced off with a suspected broken wrist.

DIVISION TWO

DOWLISH & DONYATT 1 CHARMOUTH 9

CHARMOUTH reaped the benefit as Dowlish & Donyatt playmaker Lee Mears was shown two yellow cards inside the opening 10 minutes by referee Jeff Farley.

"He could have sent-off for the first tackle alone when he kicked out at Matt Pile. But two further bad fouls gave the referee no option," said Charmouth player-manager Andy Potter.

They opened the scoring in the 18th minute when a Andy Potter goal bound drive from outside the area was deflected in by Scott Myers.

Player-manager Potter added a second soon after before the pick of the goals arrived on the half-hour when Meyers hit a terrific strike into the far top corner.

Potter then scored a fourth to complete a 4-0 half-time score which could easily have been doubled if Charmouth had taken some of their many missed chances.

It took just six minutes after the resumption for Dan Rendell to score the fifth as the visitors' midfield and forward line took total control and chance after chance came along.

Meyers completed his hat-trick on the hour, and Potter followed suit in the 68th minute.

Dan Rogers netted a consolation for the hosts after 72 minutes with their first attempt on goal.

But the Robins immediately scored an eighth through Meyers, his fourth, two minutes later.

The scoring was completed in the last minute when Rendell scored his second.

Potter picked out Meyers, not just for his goals but for a fine all-round performance, as MoM.

DIVISION FOUR

UPLYME RES 3 CREWK RANGERS RES 1

A MUCH tighter defensive performance, crowned by a top display by 'keeper Joe Cleere, formed the backbone of an impressive win for Uplyme Reserves.

Top-scorer Tom Fouracre moved up to 11 for the season with a brace but the pick of the goals was a 25-yard cracker from Harry Robson.

RESULTS - Saturday, December 7th

PREMIER

Combe Res 0 Lyme Regis 2
Millwey Rise 4 Crewkerne Town 4
Shepton Beauchamp 7 Iminster Res 0
West & Middle Chinnock 1 Misterton 1
Winsham Utd 1 Beaminster 2

DIVISION ONE

Forton Rangers 1 Barrington 2
Netherbury 1 Uplyme 0
Perry Street Res 2 South Petherton 2
Beaminster Res 2 Farway Utd 0

DIVISION TWO

Crewkerne Rangers 4 South Peth Res 4
Dowlish & Donyatt 1 Charmouth 8
Luso-Chard p Chard Utd p
Thorncombe 0 Combe A 3

DIVISION THREE

Barrington Res 2 Hawkchurch Utd 1
Chard Utd Res 1 Winsham Utd Res 1
Drimpton 5 Chard Rangers 3
Ilminster Town A p Millwey Rise Res p

DIVISION FOUR

Farway Utd Res 1 Thorncombe Res 7
Hinton 1 Forton Rangers Res 4
Kingsbury Episcopi 7 Chard Rangers Res 0
Misterton Res p Combe B p
Uplyme Res 3 Crewk Rangers Res 1

FIXTURES - December 14th

(All 2pm KO unless stated)

DORSET INTERMEDIATE CUP

Quarter-Finals (1.30)

Beaminster v Lytchett Red Triangle
Lyme Regis v Parley Sports

DORSET MINOR CUP

Quarter-Finals (1.30)

Lyme Regis Bantams v Alderholt A

CHALLENGE CUP - R1

Millwey Rise v Perry Street
Misterton v Ilminster Town Res
West & Middle Chinnock v Combe Res

PREMIER

Crewkerne Town v Winsham Utd

DIVISION ONE

Barrington v Lyme Regis Reserves
Forton Rangers v Farway Utd
Uplyme v Pymore

DIVISION TWO

Chard Utd v Dowlish & Donyatt
Charmouth v Luso-Chard
Ilminster Town Colts v Combe A
Thorncombe v Crewkerne Rangers
Waytown Hounds v Crewkerne Town Res

DIVISION THREE

Chard Rangers v Shepton Beau Res
Drimpton v Ilminster Town A
Hawkchurch Utd v Millwey Rise Res

DIVISION FOUR

Chard Rangers v Shepton Beau Res
Drimpton v Ilminster Town A
Hawkchurch Utd v Millwey Rise Res

As they stand

Premier	Pld	+/ -	Pts
Crewkerne Town	8	15	20
Lyme Regis	7	19	19
Perry Street	9	18	19
W&M Chinnock	9	3	14
Shepton Beau	9	12	14
Beaminster	6	2	12
Misterton	8	0	11
Millwey Rise	9	0	9
Ilminster Res	8	-16	6
Combe Res	7	-15	4
Winsham Utd	10	-38	0

Division One	Pld	+/ -	Pts
South Petherton	9	25	23
Perry Street Res	9	23	22
Lyme Regis Res	7	17	18
Forton Rangers	9	8	15
Barrington	10	2	13
Farway Utd	10	-5	13
Netherbury	9	-4	10
Pymore	9	-8	10
Beaminster Res	11	-39	4
Uplyme	9	-18	3

Division Two	Pld	+/ -	Pts
Luso-Chard*	11	25	25
Chard Utd	6	23	18
Charmouth	10	12	18
Thorncombe	10	9	18
Combe A	10	9	18
Waytown Hounds	9	12	17
Crewkerne Rangers	9	-6	11
Ilminster Colts	11	-25	9
Dowlish & Donyatt	12	-17	8
Crewkerne Res	10	-17	6
S.Petherton Res*	10	-25	2

Division Three	Pld	+/ -	Pts
Barrington Res	9	17	21
Drimpton	8	11	19
Lyme Bantams	9	9	17
Chard Utd Res	10	0	17
Hawkchurch Utd	9	5	13
Shepton Beau Res	7	8	11
Millwey Rise Res	8	0	11
Ilminster Town A	8	-5	9
Winsham Utd	11	-27	5
Chard Rangers	9	-18	3

Division Four	Pld	+/ -	Pts
Kingsbury Episcopi	11	28	28
Merriott Dynamos	11	36	25
Thorncombe Res	9	19	20
Forton Rangers Res	8	10	16
Misterton Reserves	8	3	16
Combe B	10	5	14
Uplyme Res*	10	-7	8
Crewk Rangers Res	9	-10	8
Hinton St George	10	-17	7
Farway Utd Res	10	-36	4
Chard Rangers	10	-31	3

* = Pts deducted

DIVISION FOUR

Crewk Rang Res v Thorn Res
Combe B v Hinton
Farway Res v Forton Res
Kingsbury v Misterton Res
Merriott v Chard Ranger Res

Lyme Regis Golf

WITH RICHARD JACKMAN

Count back decides three-way medal tie

IN the December Medal, two juniors and a 'not-so-junior' fought it out for top place in division 1 with George Seed, Cameron Moss and Tim Vincent finishing 1, 2 and 3 after countback all with net 68.

Matt Rose was the clear winner in division 2 with a net 68 from Rob Crabbe, 72 and Brian Carnell, 73.

The seniors' December stableford saw Peter Tinsley win division 1 with 37 points and countback saw Jim Pettifer beat Tom Binks both with 35 points.

In the ladies medal, division 1 was won by Caroline Baker who needed countback to push Prue Russell into 2nd place

both with net 80.

Best score of the day and winner of division 2 was Julia Coote with a net 74, with Corinne Jones 2nd with a net 76.

Division 3 winner was the ever present Ronnie Turner with net 76 from Lucille Bannister on 77.

The club held their presentation evening. David Lyon and Melissa McMahon were club champions and juniors Stuart Wight and George Seed were amongst the prize winners.

In his acknowledgement speech David Lyon paid tribute to all the support he had, especially from club professional Duncan Driver.

Melissa McMahon ably hosted a very convivial evening for the club. Congratulations to all winners.



■ FROM left: club captain Matt Searle, Lady captain Lizzie Linnert, junior captain and club champion David Lyon, ladies' club champion and hostess for the evening Melissa McMahon and club professional Duncan Driver

Lyme Regis
Darts League

League	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	9	18
Nags Head A	9	18
Rockpoint	9	13
Hunters Lodge	9	7
Nags Z	8	7
Janners	9	6
Talbot Arms	8	6
Royal Standard	5	6
Four Play	6	5
George B	7	3
Cobb Arms	6	1
Half an Octopus	5	0

180s: Terry Prowse 7, Chris Topp, Darren Herbert, Ray Powell all 2.

Team 180s: Nags Head 9, Rousdon Club 5, Nags Z 2, five teams all 1.

Lyme Regis Cribbage

RESULTS, December 2nd (week 13): New Inn Kilming-ton A 4 Nags Head LR 1, Ship Inn LR 4 Steps 1, Roayl Oak 3 Cloakham Lawns 2, Lamb Swans 4 Gerrard Arms 1, Axminster Con Club 2 New Inn Kilming-ton B 3.

Beer League: New Inn Kilming-ton A 4 Nags Head LR 1, Ship Inn LR 4 Steps 1, Roayl Oak 3.

Table week 13	Pld	Pts
Lamb Swans	12	40
Ax Con Club	12	33
New Inn Kil B	12	31
New Inn Kil A	10	30
Beer Club	11	30
Cloakham Lawns	12	29
Ship Inn LR	12	28
Royal Oak	12	27
Nags Head LR	12	26
Steps	11	21
Gerrard Arms	10	18

Fixtures - Monday, December 16th (week 15): Cloakham Lawns v Ship Inn LR, Lamb Swans v Nags Head LR, New Inn Kilming-ton B v New Inn Kilming-ton A, Roayl Oak v Steps.

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Ax Con Club	12	20
Lamb Swans	12	20
New Inn Kil A	10	19
New Inn Kil B	12	19
Gerrard Arms	10	18
Ship Inn LR	12	17
Royal Oak	12	17
Beer Club	11	16
Steps	11	15
Cloakham Lawns	12	15
Nags Head LR	12	12

Bridport Darts League

Division One	Pld	Pts
Robs Robbers.....	11	20
BSC.....	11	19
All Stars.....	11	15
Nomads.....	11	15
Times Up.....	11	14
Nags Head A.....	11	11
Knapp Inn.....	11	10
Young Guns.....	9	8
Hands of Time.....	10	7
Surely that's engh.....	11	6
Odd Bods.....	11	2
Dat Team.....	10	1

Most 180s: Mark Munro (All Stars), Terry Prowse (Rob's Robbers), Graham Knight (Nomads) Matt Brotherton (Rob's Robbers) all 4.

Win %: Graham Knight (Nomads) 100% (11/11)

Division Two	Pld	Pts
One for the Vikings.....	10	17
Odds or Us.....	10	15
Rubber Johns.....	10	15
Elders.....	10	14
Young Darters.....	10	11
Royal Hawks.....	10	9
One Direction.....	10	8
Poachers.....	10	7
The Surgeons.....	10	7
Bob's Boys.....	10	4
Broken Arrows.....	10	3

Most 180s: Mike Day (One for the Vikings), Kenny Poole (One Direction) both x3.

Win %: Dave Churchill (One for the Vikings), Nick Quinton (Odds or Us) both 100% (10/10).

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Anchor Vale Viewers.....	9	15
Flashes Fives.....	9	15
Anchor Five.....	9	11
Only Just.....	9	11
Time Bombs.....	9	11
Inbetweeners.....	9	8
Mozzies Heroes.....	9	7
The Capercailties.....	9	6
Midnight Runners.....	9	3
Odd & Sods.....	9	3

Most 180s: Paul Bearpark (Odds & Sods) x2.

Win %: Paul Gumbrell (Inbetweeners), Andre Reynolds (Time Bombs) both 100%.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Otter Rotters.....	10	15
Tip Top Odds.....	10	14
Tiger Bees.....	10	13
The Royal Nuts.....	10	13
All the Kings Men.....	10	12
Sorted Odds.....	10	11
Dodgers.....	10	10
No Direction.....	10	7
Sue's Rebels.....	10	6
Greyhound.....	10	5
Con Artists.....	10	4

Most 180s: Five players x1.

Win %: John Boyle and Adrian Critchard both 100%

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap.....	9	16
Anchor Aces.....	9	14
Clocking On.....	9	14
Knight 'n' Gals.....	9	14
Queenies of the Cl.....	9	8
Sue's Rebels.....	9	8
Kings Arrows.....	9	6
Next Door.....	9	5
Queen Bees.....	9	5
Castaways.....	9	0

Most 180s: Sharon Poole (Clocking On) 1.

Win %: Sarah Chick (Tender Trap) 100% (9/9)

Ladies Div Two	Pld	Pts
Cliff Hangers.....	7	11
Against the Odds.....	7	10
Wildcats.....	7	10
Good Mates.....	7	6
Dougalls Dollies.....	7	5
Anchors Aweigh.....	7	5
Charlie's Angels.....	7	5
Tiger Stripes.....	7	4

Most 180s: None.

Win %: Brenda Bartlett (Anchors Aweigh) 100% (7/7)

BRIDPORT RUGBY

Blues case always an uphill struggle

NORTH DORSET 2NDS 31 BRIDPORT 0

THE Blues' recent run of success hit the buffers on Saturday at North Dorset's ominously-named Slaughtergate ground, where the home side were well supported from the touchline by their Southern Counties first team whose fixture with Weymouth had been cancelled.

Bridport made an unusually brisk start by spending the first 15 minutes in the opposition half.

They played with some vigour and kept the home side under pressure. Sadly the curse of the failed final pass had followed them from their previous game at Wareham.

The first North Dorset foray into the visitor's half resulted in an easy penalty in front of the posts. The Blues were stung by this and returned to the attack.

A sweeping move down the left wing was painfully halted by a serious neck-high tackle on the Bridport full back which resulted in a yellow card.

Bridport stand-off Ricky Stubbs tried to take advantage of the players absence by chipping ahead behind the depleted

North Dorset backline but without result.

The home side finally built up some steam in the latter part of the first-half.

They were putting the Blues on the back foot close to their line and a second penalty to go 6-0 up saw the game turn their way.

A speculative kick ahead by the home side saw the Bridport full-back facing three charging opponents who ripped the ball away for an easy run to the try line and a conversion.

North Dorset back to fifteen began to be more effective in line-out, broken play and in general confidence; strong in the tackle and high energy in open play. Another penalty gave them a half-time lead of 16-0.

The tale of the first-half was high Bridport expectations at the beginning, but North Dorset domination at the end.

The second half saw the home side make some very judicious substitutions and their game seemed to move up a league.

A converted try in the first minute was an ominous omen of the sustained pressure that Bridport would have to fight to resist, let alone

overcome.

A doubtful marginal penalty for offside at an extremely competitive ruck seemed to suck the battle out of the Blues.

North Dorset began to use the kick ahead to pin the visitors close to their own line, and Bridport began to wilt.

They were taking the wrong options, passes were over-extended and tackles were missed.

North Dorset scored their final try down the left wing running right over an injured Bridport player on the ground whom the referee had seemed not to notice.

The last portion of the game saw some gritty pride return to the Bridport fifteen.

They began to put the bite back into their play and challenge the home side at penalty scrums rather than go for goal.

Both sides closed the game out with matching levels of intensity. Blues' Will Hegarty suffered a nasty head blow just before the final whistle. The rematch in March will make interesting reading of the team sheets.

Bridport are away to East Dorset at Christchurch next Saturday.

Legg secures Hounds passage

Pymore 0 Waytown Hounds 4

THE revival of the highly popular Edwards Charity Cup competition continued with Waytown Hounds defeating Pymore 4-0 in the first quarter final under lights at St Mary's field on Thursday night.

In an entertaining match, well controlled by experienced referee Gerry Muhl, Waytown's clinical finishing proved to be the difference between the two teams on the splendid Bridport FC surface.

After 20 minutes Tom Rutland picked out striker Jon Legg, who raced through and finished well to put the Hounds ahead, but Pymore's best laid plans were disrupted soon after by a bad injury to Dean Obstancias who left St Mary's field with his ankle heavily strapped following attention from paramedics.

The wait for the ambulance clearly affected the Pymore players, who found themselves two goals down at the interval when Legg crossed the ball for James Loveridge to fire home.

Legg had a goal disallowed shortly after the re-start for offside before heading in a pin-

point cross from Garry Goodall for the third.

The lower league side completed the rout when Legg no mistake in grabbing his second hat-trick of the season after Steve Masters fed him after a mazy run from midfield.

Winning manager Mark Hughes said: "This was a great team performance but Man-of-the-Match has to go to Legg."

The match was preceded by a minute's silence in memory of Phillip Guppy, the uncle of Hounds' player Ethan Guppy.

The remaining draw is: Charmouth v Bridport U17s, Beaminster v Bridport 3rds, Lyme Regis v Netherbury. Dates for these matches are to be announced.

The Edwards Charity Cup is a long-standing competition run by Bridport FC for junior football clubs in the area.

The Bridport Football Partnership, a charity committed to improving football facilities in the area and opportunities for local people to enjoy the game, revived the competition in 2011.

Further information can be obtained from the BFP chairman Geoff Joy on 01308 425495 or g.joy@fmail.net

The Happy Warrior looking the part

THINGS have been fairly quiet in Bob Buckler's stable of late with firm ground unusually for the time of year dominating due to the lack of rain **WRITES STUART BROOM.**

However, **The Happy Warrior** showed he is starting to show the form of a chaser in the making after finishing third at Exeter last Friday.

The big five-year-old might featured in the frame for the first time after eight previous runs but might have got closer in the conditional jockeys' Novice Handicap Hurdle over 2m3f had jockey Gary Derwin ridden to orders and taken him out in front from the start instead of tucking him in at the back of the field.

"He's a lovely big horse and it was our intention he should head the pack instead of having to dodge horses at the rear.

"But in the circumstances it was a lovely run regardless, and he looks a chaser in the making."

Buckler was also quite pleased with **Never**

Says Never's recent run at Newbury where he finished down the field in the bet365.com Novices' Handicap Hurdle over 2m5f.

His three placed finishes have been over 2 miles and Buckler is considering bring him back to a shorter distance and also giving him his head and let him bowl along.

Two other horses which the Henley trainer is pleased with in recent weeks are **Tinker Time** who finished fourth in Ascot's Playboy Club London Novices' Hurdle; jockey Richard Johnson believing he needs faster ground.

Now he has a handicap he may well go back to the Berkshire course in a couple of weeks for a novice handicap hurdle.

In addition **Somerset Lias** took on high-class field in the Lenny Roberts Memorial Trophy Novices' Hurdle at Wincanton and despite a tired fall at the last when third after being hampered at the previous fence, pleased Buckler.

"He ran okay, and was probably out-classed, but is continuing to improve."

HOCKEY

Defeat, but Beaminster heads held high

Gillingham 4 Beaminster Ladies 0

THE result does not do justice to a battling performance by depleted Beaminster.

They travelled to North Dorset with just ten players to take on league leaders Gillingham who were able to field a squad of 14.

Winners of all but one of their games this season, the hosts boasted numerous county players and seasoned performers, while Beaminster's most experienced player was 19-year-old Danni Donovan who was reduced to a passenger in the second-half, leaving Beaminster virtually with nine players.

Despite the situation it was Beaminster that had the better of the first ten minutes with a lot of possession and movement and forcing two unproductive corners with Nepheli Theophanidis and Donovan both hassling the Gills' defences into mistakes.

Meanwhile the visiting rearguard dealt well with any breaks.

It was against the run of play that Gillingham opened the scoring when Beaminster failed to clear their lines and the ball was forced home.

The visitors almost grabbed an equaliser on 23 minutes but the home 'keeper kept

pulled off some good saves from a series of strikes on goal.

Gillingham doubled their lead just before the break when they again forced the ball home after 'keeper Lisa Condliffe had saved the initial shot.

It was much the same in the second-half with Beaminster's youngsters taking the game to their more experienced opponents and despite being down to nine players they held a lot of possession.

Jana Littleproud and player-of-the-match Genna Campbell worked tirelessly in the centre of defence with Campbell producing two brilliant tackles to prevent

a strike on goal.

However, the numerical advantage eventually told and Gillingham scored a third from their first of only two short corners of the game; Beaminster forced eight in total.

They completed a rather unfair score line ten minutes from the end when the ball was flicked over Condliffe after she had made the initial save.

This was a superb team performance by Beaminster who were a credit to the club.

Beaminster: Condliffe, Campbell, Littleproud, Dale, Hosegood, Donovan, Davies, Stewart, H Clarke, Theophanidis.

Bridport & Dist skittles League

Division A	Pld	Pts
Wanderers.....	7	14
Denhay Farm.....	8	10
Masters.....	8	10
Shipfaced.....	6	10
Rejects.....	8	8
Rockets.....	7	8
Rough Eight.....	8	8
Slingers.....	8	8
Smithys Boys.....	8	6
Broadak.....	7	4
The Dingles.....	7	4
Nelson Nobblers.....	8	0

Division B	Pld	Pts
Gerryatics.....	7	11
Lively Lads.....	7	10
Miss the Ball.....	8	10
Outsiders.....	7	10
Bangers.....	7	6
Crazy Gang.....	6	6
U Know the Bokes.....	6	6
W.Dorset Panthers.....	8	6
Dingbats.....	7	4
NBC.....	6	4
7'Clock.....	7	3

Division C	Pld	Pts
Swimming Club.....	7	10
AFAR.....	7	8
Aussies Lot.....	7	8
Mean Machine.....	6	8
Originals.....	5	8
Bulldogs.....	6	6
LHS.....	6	5
Castouts.....	6	4
Strawpeedoes.....	6	4
Groundhogs.....	6	1

Division D	Pld	Pts
Unknowns.....	7	12
Countrymen.....	7	8
Pioneers.....	7	8
Rob's Rebels.....	5	6
Survivors.....	7	6
Whisky Chasers.....	6	6
Alcoholics.....	6	4
Featherbeds.....	6	4
Let em Roll.....	5	4
Offcuts.....	6	4

Highest individual score:

R.Holt (Rough Eight), W.Huxter (Lively Lads), T.Legg (Lively Lads and N.Willcox (Smithys Boys) all 89.

Ladies Division	Pld	Pts
Brandy Snaps.....	6	10
Hidden Talent.....	5	8
Pinbashers.....	6	8
Yo Yo's.....	5	6
Alleycats.....	4	4
Bad Girls.....	4	2
Tiger Lilies.....	6	2
No Problem.....	4	0

Highest individual score:

S.Yeatman (Brandy Snaps) 82.

WEST BAY SEA ANGLING CLUB

Cullingford wins daytime title

ADAM Cullingford bucketful of plaice saw him named daytime champion 2013 when he won the competition at Abbotsbury, whilst Paul House won two of the five competitions held recently by West Bay Sea Angling Club.

Thursday, October 31st Abbotsbury

THIRTEEN anglers fished at Abbotsbury on a blustery evening with dogfish and whiting being the main species caught. 1st Ollie Mears 3850g, 2nd Simon Bowditch 3530g

3rd Adam Cullingford 3480g, Heaviest fish: PJ Wheeler - dogfish 905g, Most species: Simon Skinner - dogfish, pout, whiting and rockling.

Thursday, Nov 7th West Bexington

WEST Bexington was the venue which saw an abundance of dog fish caught. 1st Paul House 7245g, 2nd Ashley

Painter 588g

3rd Adam Cullingford 5585g, Heaviest fish: PJ Wheeler - dogfish 1015g, Most species: Hugh Rathbone - sole, pout, dogfish and whiting.

Andy Neal Rover - Saturday, Nov 9th

FOURTEEN anglers fished from Bexington to Eype with all anglers catching fish.

1st Paul House 6815g, 2nd Simon Skinner 6335g, 3rd Dave Cornick 6335g, Most species: PJ Wheeler - dogfish, pout, poor cod and rockling, Heaviest fish: (above bags removed) Steve Harwood - Dogfish 955g.

Sunday, Nov 17th Abbotsbury

Daytime match 1-6pm THE last daytime match of the year was fished at Abbotsbury. Adam Cullingford won it with a bucketful of plaice and

therefore became the daytime champion for 2013.

1st Adam Cullingford 4385g, 2nd Simon Bowditch 2660g, 3rd PJ Wheeler 2235g, Heaviest fish: Steve Harwood - dogfish 695g, Most species: Phil Maggs - whiting and garfish.

Thursday, November 21st

Abbotsbury 7pm - 10.30pm

WHITING in abundance were caught in the latest Thursday match. Three specimens came to the scales, two for Derek Smith at 910g and 960g, then one for Hugh Rathbone at 690g.

1st Derek Smith 6130g, 2nd Phil Maggs 5516g, 3rd Hugh Rathbone 5550g, Heaviest fish: Derek Smith - whiting - 960g, Most species: Ollie Mears - pout, whiting, dogfish.

WITH HANNAH PULLINGER



■ **HELPING THE RNLI:** RNLI representative Peter Jackson (left) receives a cheque for £230 from club chairman Rod Barr. The money was raised during the year mainly from the RNLI Open match with an additional sum raised at the Chesil Championships.

Football - Bees news

Bees run continues while Ressies hammer hapless Hamworthy

Bees extend their run

LONGWELL GREEN SPORTS 1 BRIDPORT 3

Toolstation Premier - att: 73

BRIDPORT made it seven league games undefeated with this hard earned win in Bristol. Having gone through November with only one defeat at Chard Town in the Les Phillips Cup, Saturday's win set them up for possibly the toughest clash of the season when they travel to Toolstation Western League Premier Division leaders Larkhall Athletic this weekend.

The pitch, wet and very tacky was not conducive to Bridport's style of play, but they dug in to record another three points that sees them sit ninth in the table.

Bridport made a slow start but after 15 minutes began to get their game together. However they were almost caught out on 25 minutes after Shane Evans committed a foul on the halfway line.

The referee played advantage which resulted in Sports Dan Hunt hitting the bar before the ball was scrambled away. When play stopped the referee booked Evans for his tackle.

The incident appeared to jolt the Bees into action and they stepped up their game. Tom Richardson struck the outside of the post from an angle after being put in by Darren Watts, before the provider did similar after making himself an angle, the ball hitting the side netting.

They took the lead soon after however when Jamie Filkins' cross with the outside of his boot found Ryan Dovell who chested it down before turning and firing left footed just inside the far post.

Longwell competed for a spell at the start of the second half, but the Bees increased their lead ten minutes in through the half from a Dan Wise free kick. Matt Morley had been brought down on the left level with the penalty spot, and Wise's curling free-kick was missed by everyone and went in off the far post.

Sports hit back though and reduced the arrears following a free kick; Jamie Coombes neatly getting in front his marker at the near post to volley home.

However, almost immediately he shot his team in the foot when he was red carded for a two-footed tackle on Watts midway through the half.

With a man advantage Bridport coasted through the rest of the game and created a number of goal scoring chances with Richardson the main culprit, before Evans made the game safe.

Breaking forward from defence he went on a run down the right. Shrugging off an attempted tackle, he fired a superb shot across the keeper and into the far side of the net.

Not so easy

WEYMOUTH 4 BRIDPORT 0

Dorset Senior Cup QF

WEYMOUTH, still smarting from the 7-0 thrashing at Stourbridge on Saturday, were hoping to regain their confidence against Bridport in the quarter-final of the Dorset Senior Cup and while they won by a comfortable margin, there was not a lot between the teams except in the art of taking chances.

Weymouth played a side consisting of mostly first team squad players, although central defenders, the Walker brothers, Michael and Nathan were sat in the stand while the Bees were without keeper Sam Filkins, captain Ryan Hayter and defenders Chris Clarke and Chris Senior.

With a shortage of central defenders manager Trevor Senior played striker Ryan Dovell in defence, a position he has played in an emergency when at Dorchester Town.

Weymouth finally breached the Bees defence just before the half hour with a good finish from Mark Ford after a one-two with assistant manager Matt Groves, and captain Scott Walker turned home Luke Burbidge's cross for the second before the interval.

Midway through the second half Darren Watts had a great chance to get Bridport back in the game but headed over the crossbar which would have set up an interesting finale.

It meant that Bridport had to push on in the latter stages, and Weymouth exploited the gaps and Sam Poole and Stewart Yetton saw the Terras home with late headers.

Bees boss Senior said: "There wasn't a lot to choose between the sides except they finished their chances

well.

"However, if Darren Watts' header from Dan Wise's cross had gone in when we were in the ascendancy early in the second-half it might have been different, but we got caught twice in the closing stages as we were pushing on.

BRIDPORT RESERVES 9 HAMWORTHY UNITED RES 2

BRIDPORT manager Robin Townsend was cockafoot after his charges had smashed nine past Hamworthy United reserves at St Mary's Field with Jack Scovell leading the way with four fantastic goals.

The former Lyme Regis boss who describes his side as having a Jekyll & Hyde mentality describer their performance as "perfect", although nit picking was disappointed they conceded two late goals after being seven up. The result moved the Bees up to sixth in the Dorset Premier League and just three points behind Mere Town.

"I don't think they deserved to lose so heavily, but we were just so very good.

"All the goals except Ryan Gall's which was a tap in, were well worked and well taken, and all four of Jack's goals were fantastic. He proved what a good player he is, and showed flashes of how good he could with more application."

It was Scovell who opened the scoring on 11 minutes finishing a great move involving Ben Clarke, Gary Bulman and Michael Hailu. Bulman then finished a scintillating individual run past five defenders by adding the second. Both scored a second before the break along with the first of Tristan Gale's brace.

Scovell and gale heaped more misery on the Hammers after the interval before Bradley Miles pulled one back with five minutes left on the clock. However sub Gall and Scovell with his fourth squeezed goals in before Scott Logan snatched a second just before the final whistle.

Whilst Townsend was pleased with the whole team performance, he picked out Ben Clarke, Bulman, Scovell and Sean Stewart for special praise.

"Sean played at centre back for the second week running, and once again was solid and comfortable. He gives us a good foundation in the centre of defence.

"I'm the first to criticise, but also the first to praise when necessary, and they were all superb this week. They are a good footballing side but they have a mental attitude that sometimes let's them down. We need to make sure they keep their feet on the ground after this win.

"We now need to push on. Statistically we are ahead of where we were this time last year when we finished seventh, so hopefully we can improve on that."

Bridport outsmarted

BRIDPORT U17 1 SHERBORNE 2

BRIDPORT U17s suffered their second consecutive league defeat of the season, this time at the hands of a Sherborne team that they had beaten easily earlier in the season and that was at times, reduced to ten players.

The home team started well, moving the ball around the full pitch with confidence and going 1-0 up after 20 minutes when striker Sam Tabner lobbed the visiting 'keeper from the edge of the box.

They continued to press and were unlucky not to convert further chances but, when moves broke down, they also had to deal with counter attacks from the determined visitors.

Impatient with their inability to seal the victory with another goal, the hosts hit the self-destruct button in the second-half, conceding possession again and again in the final third of the pitch; leaving much of the team stranded upfield and the defence exposed.

Soon Sherborne had pulled a goal back and, confident that they had the measure of an increasingly frustrated Bridport, simply sat back and waited for the inevitable opportunities to counter – and sure enough another attack brought them the winner ten minutes before time.

Manager Terry Warren said: "It's very disappointing. This is not the kind of football that we have worked on week in week out in training since the summer.

"We engineered our own downfall, resorting to a predictable style of play that we have to eliminate from our game if we want to win the league. We have a bit of work to do."

Current tables

Toolstation Prem	Pld	GD	Pts
Larkhall Athletic	18	39	52
Gillingham Town	22	39	51
Bristol Manor Farm	18	38	44
Street	21	11	40
Old Down	19	14	36
Willand Rovers	21	9	35
Brilington	17	4	27
Cadbury Heath	19	2	27
BRIDPORT	20	3	26
Melksham Town	20	-8	26
Bitton	15	7	25
Sherborne Town	19	16	14
Buckland Athletic	18	1	23
Longwell Green	17	-10	20
Winterbourne Utd	17	-13	15
Slimbridge	19	-17	15
Hengrove Athletic	19	-21	15
Radstock Town	22	-24	15
Ilfracombe Town	16	-19	14
Bishop Sutton	21	-39	11

Dorset Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Hamworthy Res	18	32	35
PORTLAND UNITED	16	32	35
Merley Cobham	17	17	33
WEYMOUTH RES	18	19	32
Mere Town	16	15	28
BRIDPORT RES	17	12	25
Wareham Rangers	17	2	24
Blandford United	17	-6	23
Swanage & Herston	18	-2	22
Tintinhull	16	-3	22
Shaftesbury Town	19	-10	22
Holt United	20	-16	20
Hamworthy Utd Res	17	-14	18
Parley Sports	19	-19	18
Cornborne	18	-37	17
Poole Borough	18	-17	15
Sherborne Town Res	17	-9	14

Dorset Div 1 (bott)	Pld	GD	Pts
Swanage & Herst Res	12	-5	13
Bridport 3rds	10	-2	11
AFC Cobham	11	-14	11
Stourpaine	12	-12	8
Bere Regis	10	-26	1

Bowls

Men defeated in basement battle

BRIDPORT Men's team lost their Wessex League match against fellow strugglers **Dolphin Blues (Poole)** 85-75 overall.

Arthur Stone, Martin Grier, Brian Conisbee and captain Chris Thorne picked up a fine two points with a 26-16 away win and Brian Baker, Phil Hedges, Ken Enticott and Keith Gentry another two with a 21-13 home win.

Dolphin picked up the extra eight points for an overall win as Max Dare, Mel Griffiths, Bill Payne and Brian Rumble, and Dave Roberts, Brian Galpin, Bob Taylor and Ivor Parker lost 11-29 and 17-27 respectively.

Bridport A forced a draw against **Wellworthy** for three points in the Purbeck Trophy League.

Hedges, Taylor and Parker were 5-18 down, but a remarkable scoring burst of 1,4,8,2,4 gave them a final 23-22 victory.

With Roy Lidington, Keith Brooks and Rumble finishing 1,3,1,4 to only lose by a shot 15-16, the match was tied at 48-48.

Martin Wilton, Brooks and Parker picked up another two points after a 18-15 win against the Dolphin.

In the over 60's league Brian Pratt, Brian Legg and Mel Griffiths finished 2,2 to win 16-13 against **Dorchester**; Peter Sandall, Keith Jenkins and Tony Bartlett just missing out on maximum points, losing 14-19 against a strong trio.



Football Partnership's urgent appeal for more pitches

THE soaring success of football in and around the Bridport area has led to a problem of a shortage of pitches to meet the ever-increasing demand, particularly from the growing number of youngsters wanting to take up the game.

Now an appeal has gone out to parish councils and local landowners to see if they would be willing to hire out pitches or provide an area where local clubs could rent a space in order to meet the growing need for weekend matches and midweek training.

Geoff Joy, chair of the Bridport and District Football Partnership whose area

covers Lyme Regis, Beaminster, Bridport and the many village communities lying near the three towns, made the appeal after members raised the issues they were facing at the latest meeting of the partnership.

"There are now 18 youth sides, two women's teams and seven other member clubs affiliated to the partnership, and there are simply not enough local pitches to go around at the weekends.

"Bridport Town Council and a few other organisations including local primary schools help provide the venues outside of our clubs' own facilities but even when

some pitches are used two or three times over the weekends, there just aren't enough to go around," he said.

The former Bees stalwart and ex-Dorset county manager stressed that local youth and girls' teams endeavoured to help themselves as much as possible but without more venues being made available they were now struggling to fulfil all their fixture obligations.

"It is such a shame when everyone's efforts have been in increasing participation among our local children of both sexes to engage in sport. If more pitches aren't forthcoming teams are likely to

fold and the interest we have generated will naturally wane."

rental opportunity

Mr Joy said he felt sure there were other existing pitches, perhaps owned by parish councils or attached to senior schools, which could be used more extensively at weekends and some other landowners might be glad of a small rental income for the use of a piece of land which clubs might be able to service themselves as a viable pitch.

Any offers or suggestions please contact Geoff Joy via g.joy@fsmail.net or tel. 07791 024397.



Geoff Joy

SCHOOLS CROSS-COUNTRY

Records tumble as Colfox take the honours

EVERY course record bar one was smashed in the last round of the South West Dorset Schools Cross Country Championships held at The Sir John Colfox School last week.

Conditions were ideal for the third race of the series with unusually firm ground for the time of year and with no winter gales to battle against.

Overall team and individual positions were based on a points system with only those schools or athletes that had competed in all three races qualifying for the overall title, although awards were given for each of the races.

The hosts provided two of the individual winners, as did Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester with Woodroffe, Lyme Regis and Dorchester Middle School (DMS) one each.

Alex Felton from DMS won the Year 7 Boys race in 8m58s beating the course record by 27 seconds with Colfox's Manny Cox just two seconds behind, which was enough to win him the overall Year 7 Boys title.

However neither of their efforts were good enough to stop Budmouth from taking the team title with just 14 points.

Colfox's Olivia Wilmore won all three races in the Year 7 Girls series, smashing her home course record by an amazing 45 seconds in a time of 9m 20s.

Her efforts not only gave her the overall individual title but helped her colleagues take the team title with 13 points.

Another Colfox pupil Dane James also completed a hat trick of individual race wins knocking 31 seconds off the record in the Junior Boys class in a time of 10m48s and helping lift the team title with 18 points.

monopoly broken

Woodroffe pupil Tamsin Edge broke the Colfox monopoly by winning the Junior Girls race, another to remain unbeaten over the competition.

She won in a time of 10m 36s to knock 28 seconds off the course record, and her efforts helped the Lyme Regis school to take the team award with 24 points.

Siblings Fergus and Flora Johnson from Thomas Hardy School, dominated the Inter Boys and Girls races; Fergus winning in 12m 07s, while Flora scorched home in a record time of 11m 22s to set



FIRST TO THE TAPE: The overall individual winners of the South West Dorset Schools Cross Country Championships (l-r): Manny Cox (Colfox), Olivia Wilmore (Colfox), Billy Jones (Colfox), Ashley Chant (sponsor AP Chant), Dane James (Colfox), Tamsin Edge (Woodroffe) and Flora Johnson (Thomas Hardy)

a new record by 13 seconds.

The win cemented Flora as the overall individual winner, but Fergus was beaten by Colfox's Billy Jones for the overall title.

Individual and team winners were presented

with their awards at the end of racing by Ashley Chant, managing director of sponsors A P Chant Building Services of Bridport.

Organiser Andy David said: "I would like to thank Ashley for his generosity as well as the Watton Hill

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INSIDE: Comprehensive Perry Street League round-up

Huge county cup weekend ahead for Seaside

THE dream of an unprecedented treble county cup success ended at the Davey Fort on Saturday as Lyme Regis Reserves crashed out of the Dorset Junior cup beaten 2-1 by Broadstone. Top-scorer Steve Batey put the Seaside ahead but the visitors struck twice to clinch a deserved win.

The Reserves return to league action on Saturday with a trip north to face Barrington. With the top two inactive, Gerard Hitchcock's side can make further progress towards the top of the division with victory at Shelway Lane.

Meanwhile, goals from Jack Durrant and Joe Bond helped Lyme Regis first team to a comfortable 2-0 win at struggling Combe Reserves.

The victory, which banished memories a being on the wrong end of a league double against the Saints last season, sees Lyme ease up to second spot in the premier division table.

It's a huge weekend ahead for both

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the Lyme first team and the Bantams who can look forward to county cup quarter-finals.

Tim Edwards' side, the current Intermediate cup holders, welcome Bournemouth League Premier Division outfit Parley Sports A to the Davey Fort.

The Lyme squad is boosted by the return from university of Harvey Brimicombe and Richie Emmett.

At the same time Lyme Bantams will be doing battle against Alderholt A at the Woodroffe School with a place in the Minor Cup semi-finals at stake.

Elsewhere, a 1-0 defeat at Netherbury has seen Uplyme slump to the bottom spot in the Perry Street League Division One table.

But the Swallows' Reserves, with Tom Fouracre scoring twice, recorded a 3-1 win over Crewkerne Rangers Res.

Uplyme first team have a relegation six-pointer at home against Pymore on Saturday.

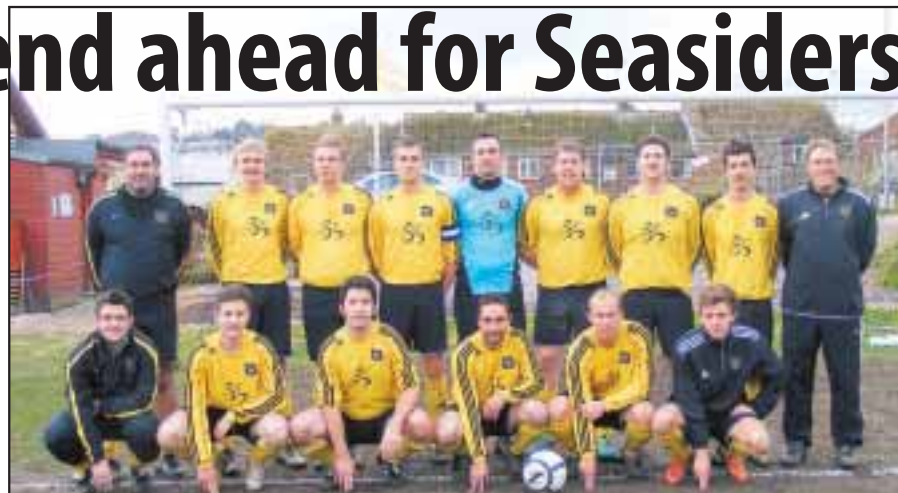
It was a fantastic day for Charmouth who racked up their biggest win for four and half years as Dowlish & Donyatt were crushed 9-1. Scott Meyers bagged four and Andy Potter a hat-trick.

The Robins, now joint second in the Division two table entertain leaders Lusochard at the weekend.

◆ SECOND-half goals from Connor Tate (2, 1 pen) earned Lyme Regis U11s a 2-0 win over Millway Rise. Michael Sayers was MoM.

Big highlight of the weekend was the Lyme U16s impressive 3-0 county cup quarter-final win over Kingswood.

Rhys Hayter put the Seaside ahead and then turned provider for Jon-Paul Avery. Hayter then bagged number three. Callum Larcombe was MoM for Lyme.



■ LYME REGIS Reserves pictured before Saturday's Dorset Junior cup quarter-final. Line-up, standing from left; Gerard Hitchcock (player-manager), Matt Thomas, Danny Thirlwell, Alex Rowe (captain), Will Meech, Steve Batey, Wallace Blackmore, Mark Bevis (assistant-manager). Front; Jim Larcombe (linesman), Ryan Fifer, Rob Larcombe, Pete Peacock, Ben Morgan, Rhys Evans.

Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE



SEASONAL NEWS!

We are recovering from the hustle and bustle of our FACELIFT! We haven't finished the Office renovation because preparations for Christmas have kind of taken over. The Christmas lights on the balcony look especially good against the new paint, thanks to Cosmin's help. The lounge Christmas tree is twinkling and beautifully decorated by Daniella. Time is flying by, isn't it? Vi Flux has celebrated her 84th Birthday and Cyril Bugler his 87th (and not 86th as I erroneously stated last time - my maths!)

We welcomed entrepreneurs from The Woodroffe School and bought lots and lots of cake. Come back soon, guys!

Well done to all involved in "A Christmas Carol" at The Marine Theatre last week. It was perfect for all six residents who attended the Matinee as the scenes were crisp, visual and quick, the scene changes flawless, and the lighting

really varied. One lady attending sees little and another hears nothing, but both were able to enjoy aspects of the performance of a very familiar story. Thanks too for the help from folks involved in the Box Office and Front of House; apologies to the 3 double-decker buses and all the cars who had to wait while we unloaded and held up all the traffic through Lyme! I have personally been particularly affected by the death of Mandela, in my opinion the best leader the world has seen in the last 1,000 years. His passing marks the end of an era for those involved in the Anti-Apartheid struggle, and recall many happy memories of the childhood of my children, where the first image inside our front door was his poster. Cyril, Iris and especially Margaret who lived many years in a different part of Africa, are pictured as we watched his Celebration Ceremony intently this morning. Let us

wish the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation can be used to affect other areas of our world where justice is lacking, thinking especially of more central areas of Africa and of Palestine.

We are looking forward to our "Old Time Party" next Thursday at 3pm and visitors & old friends are welcome. On Tuesday 17th at 6pm we will welcome our friends from Bethany Chapel for our Carol Service, also open to visitors for a sincere Christmas sing-song with mulled wine and mince pies. Many thanks, Bethany for another year of your support and spiritual inspiration. May those in your congregations not so well this year enjoy a blessed time this Christmas.

Finally, in the words of the converted Scrooge: "A Happy Christmas One and All". See you all in 2014 - unless anyone wants to stay with us over Christmas and New Year, we have a room free!



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